

COMMISSIONER'S CAREER/ PROFESSIONAL PROFILES

NO	Name and Surname	Portfolio	Summary of Career/ Professional Profile
1.	Ambassador Linda Scott	Commissioner/Member	<p>Ambassador Linda Scott served as a Namibian diplomat for over 35 years since Namibia's independence. From 2018 to 2025 she held the position as Namibia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and was concurrently accredited as High Commissioner to Malta and Ambassador to Greece, Ireland, and the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta.</p> <p>Having grown up in Windhoek, Namibia, and during her university career at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, Ambassador Scott was a founding member of the Namibia National Student Organisation (NANSO) and after independence of the Namibia National Teachers Union (NANTU).</p> <p>During her diplomatic career she helped establish Namibia's first High Commission in London, has held senior roles, including postings to Cuba, Sweden, Belgium, Botswana, Nigeria, and Ethiopia. Ambassador Scott has represented Namibia at the United Nations as Deputy Permanent Representative in New York, and served as Director of Multilateral Relations and Cooperation at the Ministry of International Relations. She has also been involved in SADC Election Observation Missions to Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi and Mauritius.</p>

			<p>Ambassador Scott also served as First Vice President of the International Maritime Organization Assembly, chaired the Commonwealth Board of Governors from 2022 to 2024, and currently contribute her expertise as a Board Member of the World Maritime University in Malmö and the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management (CPTM).</p> <p>Ambassador Scott holds an MA in Governance and Political Transformation from the University of the Free State, South Africa, and BA (Hons) degrees in Social Science and African Studies from the University of Cape Town. She is a certified mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution in London, an advanced life coach, and has translated works from German and French for the Namibian Scientific Society.</p> <p>Having retired from the diplomatic service in September 2025, Ambassador Scott joined the Public Service Commission in March 2026.</p> <p>She currently serves as a Board Member of the National Disability Council of Namibia (NDCN), having previously acted as its Interim Chairperson. Her board-level experience also includes directorships at the Bank of Namibia and NORED. Fluent in English, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo, and Otjiherero, Commissioner Shapwa is known for a principled work ethic, a disciplined focus on results, and a steady ability to perform under pressure. Colleagues and stakeholders alike</p>
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