



Media Release

IAWP 2nd Vice President 2018-2021 **Leah Mofomme, South Africa**

The International association of Women Police 2nd vice president for the next 3 years (2018-2021) is Leah Mofomme, who joined IAWP in 2012. She has previously served as a member of the Board of Directors as the Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa and 3rd Vice President. In 2013 she was the conference director for IAWP's 51st Training Conference in Durban, South Africa, which took place on African soil for the first time in IAWP's history. The 2013 conference had the largest number of delegates ever seen at an IAWP conference, over 70% of whom came from developing countries across Africa.

Leah currently serves as the Chief of the National Traffic Police in South Africa having previously served as a deputy national commissioner within the South Africa Police Service. She brings with her to the role of 2nd vice president, many years of experience of women network structures and continues to organize and develop women's networks. She also has knowledge and understanding of good governance and leading organisations.

Leah provides the following words of guidance, "*Ubuntu*" ("Humaneness") is an African tradition based on the belief that "*umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu*"; translated: "I am, because you are". As women in law enforcement, we must subscribe to this philosophy, show compassion and cooperate with one another, not compete because together we can improve the lives of others. We can learn from ants, who, tiny as they are, are able to build their house and can even carry a whole scorpion there, only through working together and respect for one another.

About the International Association of Women Police

The International Association of Women Police (IAWP) is a richly diverse and growing organization with global reach. We have Members, Affiliates, Friends and Strategic Partners in countries around the World.

Our **Mission**: To strengthen, unite and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally.

Our **Vision**: IAWP envisions a world where police reflect the diversity of communities they serve and human rights are protected. Our mission is to strengthen and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally.

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