

2009 Recipient of the Dr. Lois-Higgins Grote Heritage Award

HELLEN ALYEK



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Hellen Alyek became the IAWP Region 18 Representative of Africa in 1999 when IAWP members created Africa as its own region. Hellen Alyek, with her quiet demeanor, who was the one lone member in Africa, was able to connect African women police with a worldwide network of women police through IAWP that would assist them in building and developing their own strategic global network. Within two years of Hellen's appointment to the new region, the African membership grew to 48 members. In October 2001, Hellen organized the first training conference for African women police officers in Kampala-Uganda. This conference was developed with the support from the Commission for Women in Africa. Over 200 women police officers from ten African countries attended. Africa was well represented on the IAWP Board and at its conferences. At that time, Hellen was working single handedly to build the network of police women in Africa. Now, many women officers are members and even some male African officers have shown an interest in joining IAWP.

By 2002, Hellen was speaking to an audience of hundreds at the Australasia conference in Canberra, Australia. That same year, Hellen was given a Recognition Award Certificate by the Inspector General of Police for being one of the best Police officers of the year. Even in retirement, Hellen continues to focus on the recruitment of women police to join IAWP and in strengthening the net-working system among Africa Women Police as law implementers.

She is a remarkable representative and leader in the IAWP. Her leadership has assisted the IAWP in meeting the goals of its mission to strengthen, unite and raise the profile of women in criminal justice internationally.

Hellen's story, <http://www.hellens-shelter.org.uk/hellen-alyek/hellen-alyek.php>
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