



## LET'S MEET SUSAN ENGELBRECHT

### WORKPLACE HARASSMENT TASK FORCE LEADER

Susan Engelbrecht is an Executive PA, Co-founder and Director of the Platinum Assistant Network South Africa and an International Management Assistant (IMA SA) member since inception. Susan is managing the Discovery PA Centre of Excellence (in-house PA Forum) which includes various initiatives such as an annual Discovery PA Summit and PA Induction program. Susan is the Senior Academic Advisor for the Isipho Admin Bursary team and actively involved in mentoring the students. Susan's mission is to discover and grow. Her

life is about helping others. She believes in making the world a better place and knows the importance of working together. She always strives to do her best and to help others realize their own potential and thrive. Her commitment and Initiative help her complete her mission and people are inspired by the warmth and good will with which she lives her daily life.

#### *1. What inspired you to support the WASummit?*

I was beyond excited and very proud to represent South Africa at the Summit in 2018. I am a bold ambassador and influencer in our profession, and it was clear to me that I wanted to use the opportunity to participate and support WASummit. I have always been an avant-garde when it comes to our profession – how else can I make change happen?

#### *2. What do you see as the key aspects of your involvement with the WASummit?*

Definitely communicating with top authorities within our profession. I am part of a network of leaders. The most important aspect is the opportunity to participate in international discussions on key issues that affect PAs around the world. It definitely allows me to exchange opinions and ideas and by leading the task team on bullying and office harassment, make my voice heard! By being a team leader, I am committed to empower the team around me.

#### *3. How do you plan on using your experience/platform to assist Administrators, and what would you personally like to achieve for the WASummit?*

My experience as an Executive PA with 38 years' experience and the use of our Platinum Assistant Network South Africa platform most certainly assist me to actively lead a task team that will shape the future of office harassment and bullying. I encourage my team to speak up and get involved in their own countries by sharing questionnaires on various platforms, to take the lead themselves and consistently make sure that the PA's voice is heard. Workplace Harassment receives a wide range of perspectives from countries around the world. I would like to ensure we create opportunities to prevent or alleviate this issue.

#### *4. If there is one piece of information regarding the WASummit that you want everyone to understand, what would it be?*

WASummit is an active international team aimed at supporting PAs in the administrative field. As a leader my aim is to guide, influence and positively develop our profession.

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