



**Ms. Zola Budd-Pieterse**

*Chairman, Women's Commission*

Zola is a two time Olympian, two time world champion and two time world record holder in running events. She competed at the 1984 Olympic Games for Great Britain and the 1992 Olympic Games for South Africa, both times in the 3,000 meters. In 1984 and 1985, she broke the world record in the women's 5,000 meters. She was also a two-time winner at the World Cross Country Championships (1985-1986). Budd's career was notable in that she mainly raced barefoot.



In recent years, Zola has re-invented herself as an elite ultra marathon runner, achieving a Gold medal at Comrades Marathon (90 km in South Africa) with a time of 6:55:55 as the 1st veteran finisher. She was the 7th female finisher overall, the first six being at least 10 years her junior.

Zola is an assistant running coach at Coastal Carolina University and matins a strong interest in sports for women and youth.