

CAROL READ – CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

1981: Chartered Accountant (South Africa)

1980: B Com (Honours) Accounting, University of Pretoria (UP)

Certificate in the Theory of Accounting

1979: B Com (Accounting) (UP)

Other: PRINCE II practitioner

GIBS- KPMG partner development programme

Work Experience

Ms Read joined KPMG in 1981 as a trainee accountant and was appointed the first female partner in KPMG Africa in 1989. Thereafter she was also appointed the first female to the main KPMG Board in 1997. She retired from KPMG in 2016. During the interim period, she was an audit partner for mostly international companies, Head of the Education sector as well as a member of the KPMG global education group, Head of Strategy consulting and a member of the KPMG Global Strategy group.

Since September 2016, she has worked as an independent consultant as well as a director of companies, mostly within the education sector. Ms Read is currently Interim CEO of the READ Educational Trust, South Africa's oldest and biggest literacy organisation, where she has restructured the entire entity to improve efficiency and effectiveness. She has also implemented new fundraising models and strategies in order to double the organisation in the next two years.

Countries worked

South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland (eSwatini), Lesotho, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Rwanda, Ghana, UK, Canada, Belgium, Austria, Slovenia, Australia, Hong Kong.