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Carol an ace fraud fighter in Africa

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Carol Mulalo Ndadza is one of the finest Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE), not only in the Department but in Africa. This was proven when she won an award and certificate of CFE Top Achiever in the African continent at the ACFE 12th Annual African Conference held in Sandton Convention Centre recently.

An overjoyed Carol said: "It is a great honour and privilege to be awarded such a unique credential and being a top achiever within the continent as this was my next milestone in advancing my career."

Carol, who was bred in Madombidzha Zone 2 Village outside Louis Trichardt, Limpopo, believes that hard work and a well-structured study plan helped her to be a recipient of this top prize.

The CFE is a unique credential acknowledged globally with its own requirements and standards. The standards are set by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)'s Board of Regents, who are elected by CFE members and drawn from ACFE's most experienced members.

Before earning the CFE credential, Carol says she was required to pass the CFE International Exam. The exam tests knowledge on the four (4) major areas of the fraud examination body of knowledge, namely; fraud prevention and deterrence, financial transactions and fraud schemes, investigation and law.

She says she prepared for her CFE International Exam by attending a two (2) week CFE Examination preparatory course and studied using a Fraud Examiners Manual. After this she sat for her first assessment in January 2019 and passed all four (4) major sections of the CFE Exam. Subsequently, she was presented with her CFE Credential Certificate.

"In order to pass the CFE International Exam, one must score at least 75% correct on each section of the CFE Exam," she says as she swells with pride.

The 28-year old Carol completed her matric in 2008 at Litshovhu Secondary School before enrolling at the University of Venda, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Degree (B.Com in Accounting).

Carol started working for the Department in August 2016 within the Chief Directorate: Internal Audit, Directorate: Forensic Investigations and Quality Assurance as a Senior Forensic Auditor.

She says her responsibilities include conducting Anti-Fraud and Corruption Awareness Campaigns nationally to all branches of the Department, conducting forensic investigations when allegations are received. She also writes forensic investigation reports per allegation investigated, ensures









compliance with quality assurance standards and makes follow-up on completed forensic investigation reports.

"I have been working in an anti-fraud and corruption profession for five (5) years. I always had interest in life-long learning through Continuing Professional Development (CPD), as it advances one's career and improves the performance of one's day-to-day duties in the workplace, she says with a glint in her eyes.

Carol backs up her love for her work with passion for integrity and high ethical standards in the workplace. She always strives to be an embodiment of professionalism and espouses highest level of integrity in her day-to-day duties and assignments.

To counter the negative reputation of South Africa as having one of the highest rates of economic crime in the world, Carol aspires to pursue other Accounting certifications to gain professional visibility and world-wide credibility to contribute in combating economic crime.

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