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Biography: Zingiswa Losi

Ms Zingiswa Losi is President of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu). She was elected to the portfolio during the 13th National Congress in 2018. She also served in the ANC Youth League structures in the Eastern Cape.

Ms Losi is a trained soldier who at some point served in the South African Defence Force for three years. After resigning from the army, she was employed by Ford – a car manufacturer in Port Elizabeth – as an operator in the engine components and assembly division in 2002. She later became a quality inspector.

In 2002, Ms Losi became a shop steward of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) at the plant. At the same time, she served in various NUMSA committees such as finance and education in the Eastern Cape region. As a senior leader, she hopes to build a strong federation and ensure that women swell the ranks of the federation's leadership. She would love to see women taking their rightful place in the federation – not for the purpose of achieving gender equity, but for the transformation of the broader society.

Ms Losi has a passion for drawing, something that takes a back seat as she immerses herself in the federation's work. Apart from drawing, she enjoys spending quality time with her family.