

Bio

Ziyanda Ngcobo is a senior politics reporter at Newzroom Afrika, broadcaster and moderator. Her career in the industry started at VOW FM (Voice of Wits) and went on to work for other media organisations such as EyeWitness News which broadcasts on 702, CapeTalk, KFM and 947 radio stations. Her vast investigative and in-depth reporting has seen her play a significant role in covering the underbelly of the ruling party's politics and political killings in KZN which has earned her the accolade of being the province's top investigative journalist for 2018. This award was given to Ngcobo during the prestigious Vodacom Journalist of the Year regional awards for her three part podcast series "Poisonous Bullets : The Silent Betrayal of Sindiso Magaqa." Ngcobo has also won a Gold IAB Bookmark award in the podcast section for the same project. This is an accolade of the highest order for the Bookmarks which don't easily bestow upon nominees a Gold award. She has also served as Newzroom Afrika's KZN Bureau Chief at just 26 years old when the channel launched in 2019.

Ngcobo has completed her double major honours degree in Politics and International Relations at Wits University and continues to merge her academic qualifications with her current work at Newzroom Afrika where her duties include effective communication of the socio-economic and political landscape of our country.

More recently she has been the central character in AlJazeera's documentary series "The Witness" where she highlighted the plight of political killings where she connected the dots between criminal networks, hostel violence and the dark world of hitmen in KwaZulu Natal.