

## **BOTSWANA INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS PRESIDENT- MRS PRIYA IYER**



Mrs Priya Iyer was elected the first woman President in the history of the Institute. She follows in the footsteps of other iconic figures in the accounting profession such as Lawrence Maika, the first President of the Institute John Stevens, Uttum Corea RS Rajaram Mohan, John Stevens and Butler Phiri who went on to become President of ECSAFA, to mention but a few.

To many close followers of the profession in Botswana, the rise of Priya Iyer to this essential position did not come as a surprise. She was the first professional woman to head the Institute as its Executive Officer. She was also the first woman to become the Vice President of the Institute.

Priya left the Institute in 1999 to join Pricewaterhouse Coopers as their Training Manager where she currently holds the position of Associate Director, however she continued her active involvement with the Institute as member of the Education & Training and the Membership & Examination Committees. Priya was elected to Council with the largest majority of votes in 2004 and chaired the Membership & Examinations Committee from 2005. For many years she was involved in projects dealing with the acceleration of citizen accountants through career guidance and various training schemes. Priya, together with Lily Matenge, was also instrumental in what has become known as the big catch, in bringing on board Mr Duncan Majinda to head the Institute as its Executive Officer.