

**MR. MILTON MAJAHAKOSI
BBC NEWS BUREAUX CHIEF, AFRICA**

Born in South Africa's largest township Soweto in the mid 60s. After matriculation he studied teaching in Civil Engineering. Upon completion he then began freelancing for Visnews now Reuters TV, NBC News and BBC News as an assistant producer. He joined the BBC Johannesburg bureau in 1990 just before the release of Nelson Mandela during the latter years of apartheid rule, he covered all the township wars and the subsequent political negotiations that followed. He went to London for his journalism training.

In 1993 he was appointed as producer, this was during the assassination of Chris Hani. In 1996 Milton was appointed Africa Producer for BBC News and in July 2000 after a successful board in London Milton was appointed Bureaux Editor, Africa a position he still occupies to this day, he is in charge of BBC News Bureaux in sub Saharan Africa.

Amongst many other stories on the continent Milton covered the Sierra Leone civil war, Rwanda, Angolan war, the fall of Mobutu Sese Seko in the then Zaire, the aftermath following the assassination of Laurent Kabila in the DRC, Zimbabwe's land invasions, Nigerian presidential elections in 1999, Darfur and many more. He was in charge of BBC News team Basra in the second gulf war in April 2003. He was in Baghdad in 1998 during the expulsion of weapons inspectors and again in late 2003 when one of the first big bombs destroyed the UN H.Q's building in Iraq. In July 2004 Milton became the very first recipient of One BBC's Global Ambassador Award. In the Beginning of 2005 he was in charge of Tsunami coverage team in Sri Lanka.

Milton is a board member of the Southern Africa Foreign Correspondents Association, a member of the South Africa National Editor's Forum and is chairman of a small charity organisation called P3 which seeks to plough back to his old high school Phefeni Secondary in Orlando West. He is married with two children and lives in Johannesburg.