



Farewell to

Dr Vuyo Mahlati

a torchbearer of deluxe class

Dr Vuyo Mahlati's passing has robbed the transformation movement of a vital vein. A torchbearer of deluxe class, she served the nation on many fronts as a womanist, a corporate leader, an academic, a mentor, a global thought leader and guardian of the cause, a policy sage and a midwife of hope.

She was a valued stakeholder of the NEF in the implementation of the mandate to grow black economic participation across the length and breadth of the country. As an institution the NEF drew inspiration from her seminal work as we pursued the progressive and patriotic imperative of unlocking value chains for mainstreaming rural entrepreneurs into global markets, a topic that was at the heart of Dr Mahlati's PhD thesis. Her wisdom was instructive as we continued to support the growth and success of black SMEs and industrialists across the various sectors of the economy.

The NEF conveys our profound commiserations to her husband, Dr Gil Mahlati, their children Siseko and Lliitha, family, friends and colleagues, and wishes them the Lord's abiding grace and healing.

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