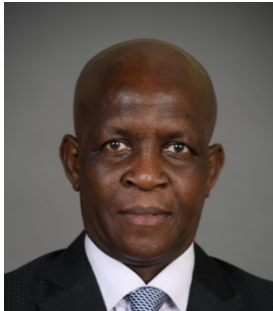

NEF salutes MP Duma Nkosi, a champion of township and rural development

The National Empowerment Fund (NEF) has acknowledged Mr Duma Nkosi, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry, as “a champion of township and rural development,” says NEF CEO Ms Philisiwe Mthethwa.

“The passing of Mr Nkosi has left our hearts at the National Empowerment Fund, heavy with sorrow. The NEF will cherish the memory of a patriot who inspired our commitment to township and rural development, as well as support for the advancement of black women entrepreneurs. Mr Nkosi encouraged the development of black industrialists because he understood that in this way South Africa’s economy would thrive as we reduce import dependency, maximise localisation, multiply access to critical knowledge and skills, grow manufacturing and revenue generation through the export market.”



Ms Mthethwa says “when our nation honours ‘those who have worked to build and develop our country’ as described in the Constitution, it is servant leaders like Mr Nkosi whose names will be etched in gold because for him, economic justice and inclusive growth were values and aspirations that reigned supreme in his vocation”.

The NEF has conveyed “our deepest sympathies to the Nkosi family, to the African National Congress and to Parliament,” concludes Ms Mthethwa.

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