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**MINISTER THOKO DIDIZA TO DELIVER THE 6TH DR SAM MOTSUENYANE ANNUAL
LECTURE
27 OCTOBER 2023**

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza, will deliver the 6th Dr Sam Motsuenyane Annual Lecture on Friday, 27 October 2023 at the Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development's building in Pretoria.

Dr Sam Motsuenyane is the father and pioneer of economic transformation, who has dedicated his life to empowering individuals and communities to participate in rural and township economies.

He was the president of National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (NAFCOC) in the 1970s and 1980s for 24 years and during that time, he founded the African Bank, Black Chain Ltd and Masikela-Mavimbela Scholarship Fund to name a few. The founding of the African Bank took 10 years, during which time he raised a total of R1 million as he started with only R75, 00. The first branch of the African Bank was opened in 1975 at Garankuwa zone 16, Uncle Nuts Complex.

After his retirement from the NAFCOC presidency in 1992, Dr Motsuenyane served on several commissions such as: the Melamet Commission on Remuneration of Public Office Bearers in 1994, he also led the ANC-appointed Motsuenyane commission.

Dr Motsuenyane was a member of the King Committee on Corporate Governance from 1993 to 94. In 1994, while serving in parliament as the Senator in the Senate (currently known as the National Council of Provinces), he was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to be the Leader of the House, and he was also a member of various portfolio committees.

In 1996, President Mandela appointed Dr Motsuenyane to the post of Ambassador of South Africa to the five Gulf States, i.e., Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait and Yemen.

Today's lecture will be attended by dignitaries including former South African president, Mr Thabo Mbeki, Reserve Bank Governor, Mr Lesetja Kganyago among others.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date : 27 October 2023

Venue : Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, 600 Lilian Ngoyi Street, Pretoria

Time : 15:00- 17:00



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