



Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013

"During my lifetime, I have dedicated myself to the struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR MOURNS TATA MADIBA

The Environment sector joins millions of South Africans and the global community, in mourning the passing of our first democratically elected president, Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

When the gates of his prison flung open, Tata Mandela took those memorable first steps which symbolised many first steps for our nation. Under his leadership, South Africa began moving towards a new era of sustainable development, in which game parks are open to all and benefits derived from protecting our environment are shared equitably amongst our people.

His release heralded the recognition in policy and in action, that caring for our environment today, will ensure that our children can inherit South Africa's wealth of biodiversity and natural assets.

On the eve of our celebrations of 20 years of democracy, we would like to take this moment to thank you, Tata, for having laid solid policy framework and ideologies, for us to build a country that lives and thrives in harmony with the environment.

Hamba Kahle Tata... Rest in Peace Father of our Nation.



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