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MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTER DIDIZA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms. Thoko Didiza, (MP) is excited to announce the appointment of Mr. Mooketsa Ramasodi as the new Director-General for the Department.

Mr. Ramasodi's experience in the agricultural sector speaks for itself as he has been in the sector for more than a decade. He has been the Deputy Director General for Agricultural Production, Health Food Safety and Natural Resource Management. He has also served in various capacities in the agricultural sector.

"Mr. Ramasodi assumes his work in the department at a crucial time, as in 2021 the outlook on agriculture is positive and the sector is expected to show strong growth figures and create employment despite the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic." said Minister Didiza.

Minister Didiza said Mr. Ramasodi also assumes his position at a time when the country is grappling with the Land question and while the Department is implementing various policies such as the Beneficiary Selection and Land Allocation Policy, and Land Donations Policy which aims to bring fairness and effectiveness in land reform.

The Minister assures Mr. Ramasodi of her full support and backing and calls upon all staff members in the department, the entire agricultural sector, all stakeholders and all South Africans to give him the full support he may need in carrying out his duties.

Mr Ramasodi will in the meantime continue in his acting Director-General capacity until the end of November 2021. He will officially assume his new role as the Director-General on the 1st of December 2021.

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