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Tourism Minister receives larger than life painting of Albertina Sisulu

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Tourism Minister Lindiwe Sisulu will today receive a larger than artistic recreation of the lives and times of the late South African struggle icon Mama Albertina Sisulu from Mpho Ngwenya a Soweto based artist.

The artist work in the form of a mural painting measures 4.7m x 3.8m as a mixed media on PVC canvass, and depicts life and time of Albertina Sisulu, whose centenary was celebrated in 2019.

The honours find itself amongst others like the naming of the “Albertina Sisulu Orchid” endemic to Gauteng an African Mma Sisulu Cookbook by young chefs in South Africa, and the many streets, buildings and other architectural works and memorials created and renamed in her memory during her life and beyond

The Handing over ceremony will take place today Thursday 21 October 2021 at 14:00 at the ALBERTINA SISULU CENTRE, in Orlando West, Soweto from 2pm until 16:00 and will be attended by numerous dignitaries and stakeholders in the tourism, arts and heritage sector

For more details on the painting contact Ngwenya on 063 822 0159.

Mama Albertina Sisulu was appointed President of the World Peace Council and served as President Federation of Transvaal Women (FEDTRAW), and will remembered for her historical and unanimous election as the President of the UD, which at that time resulted in compromise to have two co-Presidents, due to the gender politics in national liberation movement at that time.

“Mama Sisulu was totally committed to the struggles for liberation and her resilience led to her being frequently detained together with all her children. Never one to seek limelight. ANC was her life. Every child was her child and deserving of her love and support.” - Minister Sisulu said.

The unveiling of the artistic work comes as the country continues to grapple with issues of national heritage and the urgent need to use our rich history, culture and heritage to rebuild unique brand offerings and drive tourism to our townships, small towns and villages, through the development of liberation heritage routes across our country

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