

## South African Tourism welcomes the appointment of a new Board

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Following the announcement by the Presidency, South African Tourism (SA Tourism) Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mzilikazi Themba Khumalo has welcomed the appointment of the new SA Tourism Board by the Minister of Tourism, Lindiwe Sisulu.

Khumalo has lauded the appointment of the Board, as it will advance the recovery of the tourism sector and impact positively on the ideals of the National Development Plan, including, job creation, advancement of SMMEs, and market access for women and youth in tourism.

Sisulu said she is confident that the incoming Board is poised to oversee the entity in fulfilling its mandate of marketing South Africa as an attractive tourism destination.

"The tourism sector recovery is well underway and we are excited at the appointment of this new Board which comprises of highly skilled individuals from various sectors. Our industry is critical to the South African economy, as it contributes richly to the GDP and to the lives of the people of our country," says Sisulu.

Khumalo thanked the outgoing Board for their diligent oversight of the entity and for ensuring governance, which is evidenced in South African Tourism receiving an unqualified audit in the previous financial year.

"Our efforts are geared towards restoring South African Tourism to its rightful position of sector leadership from both a domestic and international tourism perspective and the appointment of this new Board will only advance these efforts," says Khumalo.

Chaired by Dr. Nondumiso Maphazi, the incoming Board is representative of South Africa's demographics and comprises of highly skilled individuals from various professional backgrounds including; governance, marketing, financial services, strategic business leadership, tourism and the medical field.

The Board is comprised of the following members:

- Dr. Nondumiso Maphazi (Chairperson)
- Dr. Aubrey Mhlongo (Deputy Chairperson
- Ms. Pretty Ntombela
- Ms. Nomahlubi Mazwai
- Mr. Odwa Mtati
- Mr. Ravi Nadesen
- Mr. Enver Duminy
- Ms. Nandipha Mzileni Mbulawa
- Mr. Mduduzi Zakwe
- Ms. Rosemary Anderson
- Ms. Lehlohonolo Rapodile
- Ms. Nonkqubela Silulwane

"As the South African Tourism executive team, we look forward to working with the incoming Board and we are confident that they have the requisite skills to propel not only South African Tourism, but also contribute towards the acceleration of the sector's recovery," concludes Khumalo. For media enquiries, email <u>mediaq@southafrica.net</u>.