



GOVERNOR'S TALKING POINTS MS. DUDU MKHWANAZI'S FAREWELL FUNCTION 21 JUNE 2024

Salutation

- Our Guest of Honour
- Dlamini and Mkhwanazi Families
- Deputy Governor
- Bank Management
- CBE Family
- Invited guests
- Ladies and gentlemen

Good afternoon,

1. Today, we are gathered here to bid farewell to one of our own, Make Dudu Mkhwanazi who has served the Bank diligently for the past 35 years. She moved from one department to another, leaving an impact that her colleagues will cherish forever. Having joined the Bank as a typist in September 1988, she was promoted to Secretary in 1994. Throughout her tenure as Secretary, she gained experience in various departments, including Research, the then Investment and Exchange (now Financial Markets), Development Finance, and Human Capital (formerly Corporate Services, among others. She retired as an Administrative Assistant in the Financial Markets Department.



2. While her colleagues continue to rave about her work ethic, in terms of the perfectionist that she was, one character that stands out is her genuine love for people. Having moved around the Bank in various departments, her loving nature made it easy for her to easily blend in with her colleagues. Not only was she a bubbly soul, she rubbed off her infectious personality to those she crossed paths with. I was told that she could easily strike a conversation with anyone, such that there was no silence when Make Dudu was around.
3. Make Dudu was someone who took her work seriously, a perfectionist of note who was time cautious and sensitive about the quality of her work. Despite her soft and sparkly side, when it came to her work, she did not appreciate any mishaps or compromise on quality. One aspect that stood out, was that she was well aware of her flaws and took the initiative to ask and seek guidance among her peers when she hit a brick wall. With the coming in of innovation over the years since her engagement with the Bank, she took time to equip herself with the relevant knowledge and ensured to move with the trends.
4. Her genuine love for people extended beyond the walls of the Bank, as this was evident even with her family. Infact, the word 'family' resonates very well with Make Dudu, who would go at lengths to ensure that those she loved were well taken care of and were happy. This was the obvious and true nature of her character and charisma, which we will forever miss.
5. I am told that the click of a camera is what brought utmost joy to Make Dudu. Each time she was surrounded by those she loved, she made it a point to capture those moments. Her inquisitive nature also made her a traveller

who was keen to explore, not only the domestic offerings but beyond the borders, including participation in the Inter-Central Banks games. This propelled her love for taking pictures and documenting memorable moments to share with her future generation.

6. Again, her love for finer things was shown through her meticulous dress sense. Those who were close to her would tell you that she made a deliberate effort to look the part, be it at work, while travelling or simply attending an event. Infact, the famous phrase is '***Bekatitsandza, atsandza kuswenka.***' She applied the same effort even when it came to food, her taste buds were always on fire, and she made sure to entertain her guests with mouth-watering dishes.
7. All these attributes speak to someone with a strong work ethic, principled, driven by passion and mostly, a fondness for other people. It is in this regard that I challenge each one of us to take queue of these attributes and emulate them. We will certainly miss your charisma Make Dudu, your love for life and finer things in life made you stand out. We wish you the best as you move on to spend more time with the people you love the most, your family. We are proud of the hard work you displayed in your 35-year-tenure. Please take time to recharge, travel and don't forget to capture those amazing moments in your Sunday best.

I thank you all Ladies and Gentlemen!!!