



MEDIA STATEMENT

The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa pays tribute to Dr Bomo Edith Edna Molewa (23 March 1957 – 22 September 2018)

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“The IWMSA wishes to express its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Minister Edna Molewa. She will be remembered for her efforts in fighting wild life crime, and particularly her work to advance the integrated strategic management of rhinoceroses through a variety of conservation-oriented initiatives,” says Leon Grobbelaar President of the IWMSA.

The late Minister obtained a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of South Africa. She also completed a Leadership course at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and obtained a Certificate of Economic Leadership Development Programme from the Wharton Business School. Prior to her death she was studying toward a Bachelor’s in Communications through the University of South Africa.¹

After having served as the Minister of the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs from 2010, Molewa became the Minister of the newly formed Department of Environmental Affairs in 2014 when the former department was split. Molewa was also the Head of Communications of the African National Congress Women’s League between 2013 and 2015, and a member of the organization’s National Executive Council since 2003.¹

The Department of Environmental Affairs hosted a memorial service for Molewa yesterday, 27 September 2018. The family announced that they are planning the burial service for Saturday, 06 October 2018.

“Though we are saddened by the Minister’s death, we encourage her colleagues and other key role players in the environmental field to ensure that her legacy lives on through continuing the war against waste and efforts toward a sustainable environment for all,” Grobbelaar concludes.

¹ *Department of Environmental Affairs (2018). About Us: Biographies. <https://www.environment.gov.za/aboutus/biographies>*

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