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Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers

The Agricultural Research Council saddened by the passing of Dr Vuyo Mahlati

Pretoria: The ARC is saddened by the untimely passing of Dr Vuyo Mahlati who has been a true champion for an inclusive agricultural sector. Her role in key national initiatives such as chairing the Expert Advisory Panel on Land Reform attest to her passion for accelerated transformation in the agricultural sector. The ARC President and CEO, Dr Shadrack Moephuli, wishes to extend condolences to the Mahlati family on behalf of the ARC Council and employees. According to Dr Moephuli, Dr Mahlati was a true friend to the ARC community without whom we are at an immense loss.

Through her role as the President of the African Farmers Association of South Africa (AFASA), Dr Mahlati was instrumental in formalising the partnership with the ARC through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has resulted in AFASA operating from the ARC-Animal Production Campus in Irene. She understood the importance of agricultural research and development as an enabler for economic development in a developing country. Her unending calls for collaboration among key role players in the sector is a message that we should all propagate as a tribute to this true heroin.

The nation and agricultural community in particular has lost one of its great daughter. She will be sorely missed. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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