

## **Ifa Lethu Foundation Makes Board Changes**

- **Amb. Lindiwe Mabuza appointed Honorary Lifetime President**
- **Dr Anna Mokgokong is Acting Chair**
- **Businessman Kuseni Dlamini joins the local Board**

Pretoria, 6 May 2013: Dr Narissa Ramdhani, CEO of Ifa Lethu Foundation – which manages the country’s largest heritage repatriation and creative enterprise development efforts, has announced immediate changes to the Ifa Lethu Foundation Board.

“We are delighted to announce that one of our stalwarts, Amb. Lindiwe Mabuza, has accepted the position of Honorary Lifetime President of the Foundation. As our Chair since 2009, Amb. Mabuza has previously enjoyed a long and distinguished diplomatic career in service of the country. Unfortunately, recent ill health has forced her to slow down. We are pleased that she is maintaining her Ifa Lethu links into the future,” said Dr Narissa Ramdhani, CEO.

This move vacates the position of the Board’s Chair, and Dr Anna Mokgokong has offered to fill that position while the Foundation searches for a suitable replacement. Dr Mokgokong is the co-founder and executive chairperson of Community Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd., a multi-billion rand black investment holding company and serves on various boards. In 1999 Dr. Anna was elected as the Business Woman of the year, and in 1998 one of The Star Group leading Woman Entrepreneurs of the World. She was appointed by Shoprite/Checkers as the first female director in the company in 2012 and has sat on the Ifa Lethu Board since 2007.

“We’d like to welcome a newcomer to the Board as Kuseni Dlamini takes up a position as a Board member. He brings not only his experience as a highly regarded businessman, locally and internationally, but also his knowledge of the mining and financial services sectors. His outstanding career has so far seen him obtain an MPhil while at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, being named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum (WEF), Miningx selected him as one of the top 100 most influential people in South African mining, and being selected by South Africa’s Mail & Guardian newspaper as one of South Africa’s top 200 young people you must take to lunch,” said Ramdhani.

“We welcome his energy and enthusiasm for our development work and look forward to having him as a valuable Board member.”

“These new appointments position the Foundation perfectly to continue our development work of training creative entrepreneurs from disadvantaged youth and crafters from rural areas. This year is looking to be a busy one as we have a number of international exhibitions already in the planning,” Ramdhani concludes.

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**About Ifa Lethu Foundation: Empowering the Nation’s Soul**

Ifa Lethu, a nonprofit Foundation based in Tshwane, South Africa is devoted to the development and economic growth of the creative sectors in the country.

Ifa Lethu today manages the largest heritage repatriation effort in South Africa with collections having been repatriated from countries such as the United States of America, Canada, France, Australia, Spain, Holland, the United Kingdom and Germany. Further collections have been identified across the globe and every endeavour is made by Ifa Lethu to facilitate their repatriation to their home country.

Recent activities marked a rapid growth and an extension of our mandate, which has resulted in the Foundation focusing on the provision of skills for creative practitioners so they may become successful entrepreneurs. This extension has allowed the Foundation to align its work with the national priorities and Millennium Goals of poverty alleviation and community upliftment.

Creative Entrepreneurship training initiatives are ongoing in the visual arts, fashion design and small business skills.

In addition Ifa Lethu is committed to its education of the public and specific local and international communities through their extensive programme of exhibitions, workshops and conferences.

Ifa Lethu is headed by CEO Dr. Narissa Ramdhani and Chaired (Acting) by Dr Anna Mokgokong.

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