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THE SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE SENDS ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE MOLEWA FAMILY AND THE NATION

The South African Weather Service learned with sadness the devastating news of the untimely passing of the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Dr Bomo Edna Edith Molewa after a short illness.

“It is indeed devastating and a huge blow for all of us who have worked closely with her and enjoyed her support and guidance. Minister Edna Molewa’s knowledge and understanding of matters of Climate Change and her strong passion for the work was legendary. She leaves behind giant footprints around Climate Change, weather vulnerability, variability and the mitigation of climate change effects” says Mrs Nana Magomola, Chairperson of the South African Weather Service Board.

Minister Molewa made a significant contribution in ensuring that the South African Weather Service, an entity of the Department she led, made a well-recognised contribution to the globe through its participation in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as well as the SADC region through the Meteorological Association of Southern Africa (MASA). She was even more passionate about meteorology and air quality. It was under her leadership that the SAWS legal mandate was extended to host the South African Air Quality Information System (SAAQIS).

President Cyril Ramaphosa has declared an Official Funeral (category 1) for Minister Molewa as serving Minister, who served the South African Government at many portfolios. Minister Molewa will be honoured with an Official Memorial Service on Wednesday, 3 October 2018, in Pretoria. The venue for the Memorial Service will be communicated in due course. The ceremony will be open to the members of the public.

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The funeral service will take place on Saturday, 6 October 2018, in Pretoria, at a venue to be confirmed.

Mourners can attend the daily evening prayer services which will be held at the Molewa residence at 19h00.

A condolence book has been placed at the Molewa family residence. More condolence books will also be placed at the Union Buildings, Department of Environmental Affairs Offices in Pretoria and Cape Town, Sefako Makgatho University, Vaal University of Technology, South African National Parks, South African National Biodiversity Institute and the **South African Weather Service** for the members of the public to express their messages of support to the

The South African Weather Service family will dearly miss her. May her soul rest in peace.

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