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Agri SA mourns the death of an authentic and passionate agricultural leader, Dr Vuyo Mahlati

Agri SA notes the sad passing of Dr. Vuyo Mahlati, the President of the African Farmers Association of South Africa (AFASA). Dr. Mahlati was an inspirational and visionary advocate for agricultural development.

As a farmer, from the Eastern Cape, she had a deep understanding of dynamics shaping the industry.

She always sought to find solutions to overcome hurdles faced by farmers and rural communities and lobbied for the acknowledgement of the that emerging farmers play in the agricultural value chain.

As a colleague in organised agriculture she never waived in the face of adversity and led with true grace and empathy.

“Agri SA wishes to extend our condolences to the Mahlati family and the broader agricultural community. Everyone who has worked with her can attest to the value that she unlocked for the industry,” said Agri SA president, Pierre Vercueil.

“Dr Mahlati was a pioneer and positioned farmers’ interests at the centre of agricultural development,” said Agri SA executive director, Christo van der Rhee.

Agriculture has truly lost one of its best leaders – an irreplaceable woman and mentor.

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