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## **SIZA SIBANDE APPOINTED HOD FOR KZN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Hon. Bongwiwe Sithole-Moloi, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Siza Sibande as the new Head of Department (HoD), effective from November 4, 2019.

His appointment comes after a decade of instability in the department due to an absence of a full-time head of administration to provide strategic guidance to the department. The move by the MEC to speedily appoint the full-time HOD brings relief to the department and the community at large.

Mr Sibande's appointment has been made to provide continuity and expertise to the leadership structure of the department.

"Having served as the Acting Head of Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs, Sibande brings wealth of experience to the department. Sibande will be instrumental in the implementation of Operation Khawuleza to assist the department in identifying and responding faster to challenges facing local communities," said the MEC.

MEC Sithole-Moloi said this executive appointment reflects the department's focus on strengthening its governance and operational effectiveness so it can accelerate service delivery.

"There's no doubt that his qualifications in the field of business administration, management development and finance; experience in working at various levels of public service and as well as his general commitment towards the accomplishment of equitable economic development justify his appointment to this strategic and important role of steering forward the department and its diverse public entities," said the MEC.

Sibande's academic qualifications include a Masters' Degree in Business Administration (University of Stellenbosch); Bachelor of Administration (Vista University) and Bachelors of Technology in Management (DUT). He further completed some professional studies in Management Development for Municipal Finance with Wits and as well as Project Management at Damelin College.

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