



KZN AGRICULTURE and Rural Development MEC Super Zuma and newly appointed head of the department Zibusiso Dlamini met with the SA Sugar Association at the kwaShukela training centre in Mount Edgecombe yesterday. | TUMI PAKKIES African News Agency (ANA)

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KZN Agriculture and Rural Development appoints Zibusiso Dlamini as its new HOD

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THE KWAZULU-NATAL Department of Agriculture and Rural Development appointed Zibusiso Dlamini as its head of department yesterday.

Dlamini, the acting HOD for a year, vowed to improve the agricultural development structure after his official appointment by KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Super Zuma, during a visit to the SA Sugar Association (Sasa) offices in Mount Edgecombe.

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC's visit was

aimed at engaging with the association on the challenges facing sugarcane growers and evaluating the functioning of the facility.

Dlamini said he was honoured.

"The commitment following this appointment will be focusing on the development of agricultural infrastructure within the province, including issues of ensuring efficiency in terms of service delivery," he said.

Dlamini said that he would also be focusing on ensuring and maintaining good governance within the department and the forming of partnerships with the involved industries.

Zuma said Dlamini's appointment was part of filling all the managerial-level positions in the department.

"His appointment was very important because you will remember when I came into the department within three months we were able to fill vacant managerial level posts where we appointed 13 managers," said Zuma.

He said the process was aimed at bringing stability to the department.

"At the senior level, we can't have acting people. They must have full authority to make decisions so that we can speed up service delivery. We have the entire team now," said Zuma.