

KwaZulu-Natal gets two new MECs in Cogta, agriculture portfolios



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Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube appointed Bongiwe Sithole-Moloi to succeed Sihle Zikalala as Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) MEC, after Zikalala was sworn in as a Member of Parliament on Monday.

Super Zuma, on the other hand, was appointed to take over as Agriculture and Rural Development MEC.

Dube-Ncube spoke glowingly about the new MECs and said they had extensive experience in service delivery and leadership in the province.

"The new MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development has been a member of the provincial legislature, serving in various committees with absolute diligence and dedication," she said.

Dube-Ncube also expressed faith in Sithole-Moloi's leadership and added that she would bridge the gap between the provincial government and traditional leaders.

"The new MEC for Cogta brings in a wealth of experience in the local government and traditional affairs portfolio, which is at the coalface of service delivery and is charged with leading local government and traditional institutions that bring about change and improvement in the lives of the people," the premier said.

The ANC in the province congratulated the new MECs and said Zuma would propel agriculture and land distribution to greater heights.

"The ANC is focusing on utilising this land to produce vegetables, fruit, and meat products for consumption and export to other countries. We also want emerging farmers to produce agricultural products for domestic consumption and export," said the party.

Commenting on Sithole-Moloi's appointment, the party said she would foster strong relationships between the residents in the province, the government, and traditional leadership.

"As the ANC, we want our deployees to listen to challenges faced by traditional leaders. They must work with them to find lasting solutions in their communities. We recognise this institution as the custodian of our culture and customs. It plays a significant role in preserving our customs and heritage and, largely, in developing our traditional communities," it said.