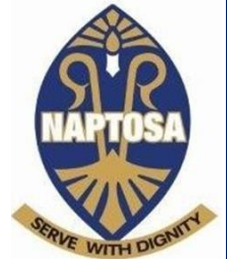


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## Tributes to Dr. Dennis George

### FEDUSA MOURNS THE PASSING OF DENNIS GEORGE

The Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) lowers its flag as we mourn the passing of the organisation's former general secretary, Dennis George. George was 65 years old at the time of his passing and leaves behind a legacy of commitment to workers' rights throughout his career in the labour movement in South Africa and beyond. George was a marketing consultant at Sanlam when he was recruited by the Transport and Allied Trade Union to work as an organiser. He was later appointed General Secretary of FEDUSA in 1998 after serving in other roles in the federation.

George's passion for education was witnessed in how he selflessly dedicated himself while working as National Training Officer at FEDUSA. We later witnessed this passion when he continued with studies to complete a Masters degree and later a PhD. His tenure as General Secretary of FEDUSA for over 20 years was categorised by many victories for workers which manifested in the growth of the federation.

He also represented the organisation with excellence when serving nationally in platforms such as the National Economic Development and Labour Council, the National Skills Authority, the National Board for Further Education and Training among others. Globally, George was actively engaged in committees at the International Labour Organisation, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and the International Trade Union Confederation, among others.

FEDUSA remembers George as a committed leader of the working class, who was a great champion of worker unity, starting with collaboration between the country's different labour formations. He was full of life till the very end, always with a smile on his face as he travelled to every corner of the country in service of affiliates and members alike. During his tenure as general secretary of FEDUSA, he was always eager to form working relationships with business,

### DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR TRIBUTE TO DR DENNIS GEORGE

The Department of Employment and Labour expresses the deepest sense of condolences to the family of Dr Dennis George, FEDUSA, and the broader labour market community on the passing of Dr Dennis George. The Department shares in your sadness and loss as we remember Dr Dennis George as a person of substance.

His passing comes at a time South Africa is reviewing its labour market policies. It is at this moment that we recall the immersed contribution and role he played in shaping the current labour market landscaping. His fierce but gentle contribution echoed the desires and aspirations of the working people of this land and contributed to the better governance of the labour market.

"As a department, we are deeply saddened by the passing of this prominent figure in the South African labour movement, political activism, and business leadership, George left an indelible mark on South African society," said Minister Nxesi.

For many years, he served as General-Secretary of the Fedusa. He fought fervently for worker rights as the former General-Secretary of the Fedusa, advocating for fair wages, safe working conditions, and equal opportunities for workers. George has made significant contributions to the department's function in terms of union registration and ensuring worker rights are protected. He was adamant that every voice, especially those of the disadvantaged, marginalized, and voiceless in society, deserved to be heard.

Minister Nxesi said; "We are reminded of his unremitting determination, he defied the powers that be, refusing to remain silent in the face of oppression, confronting systemic injustices with tenacity and bravery, and advocating for transformative change that would improve the lives of all South Africans."

government, other unions and the media fraternity.

A dedicated activist at heart, he had always called for all major stakeholders to increase their participation in schemes aimed at addressing national, company and shop-floor level issues for the sake of the country's economic growth. His goal had always been to promote the interest and rights of workers while enhancing social justice and the country's economic prosperity. George was a truly patriotic South African. Throughout his years at the helm of the federation, he never expressed doubt about the country's future. He was always positive and forward looking, believing that there is nothing that can stand in the way of the good intentions of the many who work hard for the country's prosperity.

FEDUSA honours George for his dedication to the growth of the South African organised labour movement. We will honour his memory by forever remaining true to the core of the work of unions, which is to serve members with distinction.



Comrade George's journey through life was indeed one of an unwavering pursuit of a better world, especially considering the vast majority of workers who endure socioeconomic difficulties.

Because of his immense contribution, the labour market milieu is today experiencing relative labour market peace and labour stability. We do not doubt that his departure speaks about his promotion to meet many heroes and heroines who have shaped the destiny of this country. Among the stars, he will be received as a star and his contribution as a star will continue to shine brighter and brighter for the years to come.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the entire industry.

May comrade George's soul rest in eternal peace.



NAPTOSA sympathizes with all affected by the passing of Dr. Dennis George. He will be fondly remembered as a committed leader of the working class.

May his soul rest in eternal peace and rise in glory!

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