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NAFCOC TRIBUTE ON THE PASSING OF OUR LOYAL AND SELF-PROPELLED MEMBER AND THE STALWART

The Family,
The King of the Vha-venda tribe,
The Leadership and membership of NAFCOC
Our sister organisations and business fraternity
Dignitaries, comrades, friends and fellow mourners

Today, it is indeed a sad day. On behalf of myself, my family and the entire leadership and membership of NAFCOC, pay tribute and our heartfelt condolences to one of the greatest and outstanding Entrepreneur, a self-propelled businessman, a brother, a father, a leader, a comrade and the son of the soil, Vho Bishop Peter Rabali.

A true business revolutionary of note, has taken his last breath. Although his immortal remain lies here in front of us, his entrepreneurial spirit and soul will continue to live with us. Let us therefore celebrate the life well lived and join in spirit the other celebration taking place in heaven as they welcome the ascending soul of our humble, loving and selfless child of God.

The Eagle has landed. He was a great NAFCOC Stalwart, has served in various important portfolios such as Deputy Secretary General and the Deputy President to mention few. Bishop Rabali has made tremendous and significant contribution within the black business chamber movement in general and NAFCOC as well as NAFTO in particular. He proved himself by single handedly owning and managing a big black owned bus company in this country. He was not an obvious tenderpreneur like many of our people who rely only on government handouts but was a real and true businessman.

If it was not the strict regulations imposed by Covid 19, thousands and hundreds of his NAFCOC colleagues would be here to pay their last respect. Bishop Rabali was a cadre who the people of this country not only in business but through the advancement of the liberation struggle against apartheid and neo-colonialism . He participated in the liberation since the formation of OR Tambo's conceptualised NAFCOC in the early 1960s. Through NAFTO he assisted the mobilisation of the masses of Namibian people to install SWAPO as a ruling party in NAMIBIA. He did the same for South Africa during our approach to the CODESA and the 1994 democratic elections. He was a freedom fighter and an unsung hero of many.

We, in NAFCOC and NAFTO will remain forever indebted to this giant of our black business and chamber movement. We want thank the family, the community of Vhembe, the people of Limpopo Province and South African citizen for having provided us with a leader and an entrepreneur of his calibre.

We wish his family more comfort and his soul to rest in eternal peace. Believe us when we say that you are not alone in your grief. Bishop Rabali, like our departed founding President of NAFCOC Dr Richard Maponya has left a void that cannot be easily filled in the black business chamber movement. Thanks again to many tributes from his colleagues in both the National and Provincial Councils of NAFCOC.

He led and was equally ready to be led. For this, he honestly carried many instructions from the leadership with courage, dedication and passion.

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By NAFCOC Acting President: Mr Gilbert Mosena.

[For and on behalf of the National Executive Committee](#)

FACTS ABOUT NAFCOC:

The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCOC) is a Federated Chamber comprised of over twenty industry specific sectors of the economy with approximately 2.3 million total membership and associates, whilst targeting approximately 5m by 2023. NAFCOC was established in 1964 after consultation with OR Tambo and his comrades in Zambia and remain as one of the oldest and largest business chambers in South Africa. It has a huge presence and representation in all 9 provinces, all regions and all local municipality levels of South Africa. NAFCOC's main objective is to promote and encourage the development of small business and in particular black business in South Africa and thereby draw the majority from the peripheries to the frontlines of main economic activity and decision making. Its first and founding President is Dr. Richard Maponya and its Head Quarters are situated at Dr. Richard Maponya House in RIVONIA-JHB RSA.