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Gauteng DWS's Nondumiso Mabe born to be a leader of note

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Nondumiso Mabe, known for her tough character and enduring stamina, is an achiever of the highest order whose star is set to rise to the pinnacle of her career.

An avant-garde of note, Mabe was born to push the boundaries and now stands on the verge of fulfilling her dreams following her appointment as Director of Planning and Information in the Department of Water and Sanitation Gauteng Provincial Office.

Until her appointment recently, Mabe has kept the fires burning as Deputy Director of Water Services Regulation. Her appointment is a continuation of her vision for the work she loves and keen on making the most difference for communities. The gratitude of ordinary South Africans on the work she does gives her the zeal to continue to serve the people as a true and proud public servant.

Mabe's elevation to the position of director is a result of a combination of personal traits, particularly her zest for everything education which placed her on the trajectory to achieve her academic endeavours with aplomb.

As testimony to this, the Pretoria resident holds a National Diploma and BTech Water Care from Tshwane University of Technology, a BTech in Quality from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

Her insatiable appetite for studying egged her on to continue to pursue an honours degree in Environmental Science with UNISA. Mabe possesses the high intelligence and motivation to match the demands of her studies and responsibilities of her new position.

About her present studies, she says: "The aim with my studies is to go on to do law and then later specialise in environmental law with a focus on water given the experience I have gained over the years."

She adds that she also did Advanced Management with the National School of Governance.

Mabe is one of the officials of the Department who became an Environmental Management Inspector, known as Green Scorpions, and boasts a number of short courses she obtained from the University of North West and the Council of Geoscience.

Born and raised in Gauteng, Mabe started her career from the bottom, making her present position inimical to being handed it on a silver platter. Her hard work saw her climbing her way up the ladder, proving and establishing herself as someone deserving.



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“I joined the Department in 2004 as a Senior Auxiliary Officer in the ground water information section at Head Office. I was then promoted to Control Auxiliary Officer. In 2007, I was moved to the post of Environmental Officer in Hartbeespoortdam in North West where my duties included licensing and monitoring. This was before I moved to monitoring compliance within the same province,” said the beaming Mabe.

Her hard work paid off and opened the doors to even bigger things. In 2011 she advanced to a higher level, occupying the position of a Control Environmental Officer: drinking and wastewater in Mpumalanga. Little did she know that in 2014 she was going to be promoted to a Deputy Director position: Water Regulation and in 2020 as Director: Planning and Information.

Mabe is a chip of the old block who says she owes a good dollop of gratitude to her father for her meteoric rise in her career.

“He always insisted on hard work and telling me: ‘If you are faithful in small things, God will trust you with bigger things’,” she says fondly.

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