

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**SALGA expresses its sincere condolences on the passing of Ikosi Siphohle Mahlangu, Chairperson of the National House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi-San Leaders.**

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) would like to express its sadness after learning that Ikosi Siphohle Mahlangu, Chairperson of the National House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi-San Leaders, passed away on Friday, 16 July 2021 due to Covid-19 complications.

The passing away of Ikosi Mahlangu is a big loss for the institution of South Africa's traditional leadership and the communities they represent.

He played an instrumental role in deepening and cementing the relationship between municipalities, traditional leaders and the communities they led.

His work was a reflection of his unfailing commitment to not only representing traditional authorities but also involving traditional communities within the country's system of democratic governance.

While SALGA commemorates his life and work, we also mourn alongside his colleagues, the Mahlangu family, the Ndzundza royal family and the AmaNdebele nation as a whole during this difficult time.

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