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## Passing of Ms Ntombi Msimang, Chairperson of ASUF

"It is with great sadness and shock that the Agri-Sector Unity Forum (ASUF) this morning learnt that its Chairperson, Ms Ntombi Msimang, had passed away on Sunday night, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. ASUF wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to the Msimang family, who have lost a very special and loved mother, grandmother and wife", said Mr Japie Grobler, Deputy Chairperson of ASUF.

The untimely passing of Ms Msimang, who was also Chairperson of the National Agricultural Marketing Council, is a blow and setback to agriculture in South Africa. Ms Msimang was a bridge builder of note, fostering relationships across the broad divide in South African agriculture. Her leadership in ASUF, as so clearly exhibited in the first ASUF Policy Conference recently held in Stellenbosch, went a long way to build trust and unity in such a critically important sector to South Africa and its future.

"ASUF pays tribute to Ms Ntombi Msimang as a very special person and someone that will be sorely missed", Mr Grobler said.

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