

## MEC- Sambatha Profile

### Background:

- Second born child from a rural proletariat family that gave birth to four children, born on 22 October 1975 in what is currently demarcated as Eastern Cape.
- Attended school both Primary and Senior Secondary Education Eastern Cape, matriculated with exemption at Mzikayise SSS in 1995

### Family:

- Father passed on at an earlier stage, mother still alive with one sister and one brother.
- Married, and has six children of 3 boys and 3 girls

### Started working:

- Due to socio-economic challenges facing the family, after matriculation he had to look for employment opportunities, whilst staying with the uncle in Wedela(which was under Southern District Municipality currently Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality) he got employed(1996-2000) as an underground mineworker in AngloGold mine- Western Deep Levels number 1 shaft currently called Mponeng mine.
- Once employed he joined the National Union of Mineworkers and grew in its ranks as elected leader until later when he become one of its employees.
- He left the mine in 2000 due to ANC deployment as District Councillor in West Rand District Municipality

### Liberation Movement platforms:

- Joined Cosas in 1989, joined ANCYL in 1990 and joined the ANC in 1993 having been influence through one of the ANC political prisoners Alfred Sipiwe Xobololo who was the neighbor to my uncle place where I stayed during schooling period.
- Joined the SACP in 1996 due to the influence and ideological development through the National Union of Mineworkers political classes.
- **NUM:** served as the branch secretary in 1996-2000 Mponeng mine, Carletonville Regional Secretary of Education 1997-1999, national educator 2006-2008, NUM parliamentary head 2009-2011, regional coordinator Matlosana region 2012-2014.
- **ANC:** branch secretary 1996-2000(Petrus Plaatjie branch, Wedela, Southern Region NW), ANCYL REC member 2002-2005 Southern Region.
- **SACP:** elected a District Deputy Secretary in 1998-2000 Yussof Daddo District, elected District Secretary 2000-2007 JB Marks District, elected Provincial Secretary 2007-**to date**.

### Deployment background:

- District Councillor 2000-2006, MMC for Public Safety
- SALGA chairperson for EMS subcommittee 2001-2004
- Member of Provincial Legislature 2014 **to date(2024 elections)**
- MEC for Public Works and Roads 2014-2016
- Chairperson of Legislature committee- Health and Social Development 2017
- MEC for Health 2018-2024
- MEC for Agriculture 2024

### Organizational Assignments:

- Deployed by NUM in Sweden, Swedish Public Service Commission 1998-1999, study programme, research topic was “Should labour brokers be banned or regulated”
- Deployed by the ANC in its Nationalization of Mines Research Team 2011-2012, the research was international studying countries where mines were nationalized and where the state had a role to play, the team went to Sweden, Norway(oil), Chile(codelco chile) and Bolivia(in Bolivia I had the most politically fulfilled dream- visited Che Guevara original gravesite in Valle Grande. The research team report was tabled in 2012 title “**ANC state intervention in the Mineral Sector(SIMS report)**”  
Below is Che Guevara museum and original grave depicting all seven bodies buried in one mass grave:



### Education background:

- Matric certificate, 1995, Mzikayise Dalasile SSS
- Diploma in Labour Law, 1997-1998 Natal Technikon, NQF 6
- Post Graduate Diploma, 2017-2019 Wits University, NQF 8
- **Current**, 2023-2025, Post Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and African Studies NQF 8