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**PREMIER SADDENED BY PASSING OF LONG SERVING FORMER PUBLIC  
SERVANT RAMAEMA**

The Premier of the Free State, Sisi Ntombela, has learnt with shock and sadness of the passing of former Deputy Director General (DDG) in the Office of the Premier, Thuso Lawrence Ramaema (CFE).

Ramaema was admitted to a local hospital, on 08 June 2021, where he battled with COVID-19, until he regrettably succumbed this morning, 24 June 2021.

Ramaema, a Certified Fraud Examiner, retired from public service in February 2021, leaving the strategic position of DDG in the Office of the Premier, where he was responsible for Policy, Planning and Governance, and had on various occasions, when called upon by the Premier, acted as Director-General of the Free State Provincial Government.

During his illustrious public service calling, Ramaema served in various strategic and demanding positions which include being the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Free State Development Corporation (FDC), Head of Department (HOD) at the then Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DETEA), now known as DESTEA. He also served as Acting HOD at the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development and



Social Development, respectively. “Ramaema was an astute, meticulous public servant, and was selfless in the execution of his duties”, said Premier Ntombela. “We are poorer without his frankness, boldness and overall professionalism. On behalf of our government and the people of the province, I wish to convey heartfelt, sincere condolences to his family, extended family, friends, colleagues and those who are directly and indirectly affected by his passing. May his soul receive eternal rest,” concluded the Premier.

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