

RIP: Sawea's Ntombifuthi Ntuli

Ntombifuthi Ntuli, CEO of South African Wind Energy Association (Sawea) has died aged 41.



Ntombifuthi Ntuli

"Ntombi changed the face of the wind industry in our country. She made the industry relatable with her ability to engage with the most stubborn naysayer, helping them to see her point of view and winning everyone over with her charming smile and her calm strength," says Mercia Grimbeek, chair of Sawea.



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Ntuli is credited with steering the wind power sector, in her leadership role, since her appointment to the CEO position, in September 2019. During this time, she drew on her depth of knowledge and talents, and crafted over more than 15 years in the energy and related sectors.

“ Heartfelt condolences to [@_sawea](#) on the passing on of their CEO. A wonderful woman who worked hard and was always willing to engage and assist Youth in Energy realize their dreams. May Ntombi's soul Rest In Peace. We will miss her a lot.— Youth in Energy (@YouthInEnergy) [August 14, 2021](#) ”

Her leadership was defined by her charismatic yet gentle nature, resilience and determination to successfully steer the industry towards playing a central role in South Africa's energy transition, whilst being a uniting force.



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She has built strong bridges throughout the energy sector, founded on her sound logic and ability to see the bigger picture. Her lobbying efforts for the country's transition to cleaner power were underpinned by supportive government policy and

smooth procurement, which will help to ensure the sector's exponential growth for years to come. But, it is safe to say that her legacy will live on not only through her successes, but also in the hearts of the people that make up this industry.

Ntuli leaves behind two young children and an extended family.

“ Ntombi became CEO of SAWEA after a distinguished career helping to shape govt energy policy, including acting as Energy Industry Research Group Leader at the Council for Scientific & Industrial Research, & Director for RE Industries at the Department for Trade & Industry.— GWEC (@GWECGlobalWind) [August 13, 2021](#) ”

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