INSPIRING GREATNESS

MINISTER LINDIWE SISULU is a Member of Parliament currently serving as the Minister of International Relations and Co-operation and a member of the National Executive of the African National Congress (“ANC”). She previously held the portfolios of Minister of Housing, Minister of Defence and Military Veterans and Minister of Public Service and Administration. Sisulu was born on the 10th of May 1954 to ANC veterans, Walter and Albertina Sisulu.

Higher Education and Early Employment Background
Sisulu's higher education began at the University of Swaziland where she obtained her BA and Honours degrees in the year 1980. She also holds an MA in History as well as a Masters in Philosophy from the University of York. Sisulu was the editor of the “Times of Swaziland” newspaper before she began working as a lecturer at the Manzini Teachers Training College during the mid-1980s.

Arrest and Political Exile
In June 1976 Sisulu was arrested in Johannesburg and detained without trial for 11 months under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act. She was a target of the Apartheid State for her and her family's political involvement. She endured violent torture and interrogation at the hands of the apartheid police. After release from detention, Sisulu joined the military wing of the ANC-Umkhonto Wesizwe in exile where she trained and specialised in intelligence.

Return from exile and her Ministerial career
After the unbanning of the ANC in 1990, Sisulu returned to South Africa to commence work in the ANC's Department of Intelligence and Security. In 1991 she was appointed as the Chief Administrator for the ANC at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa. In 1992, Sisulu was awarded the Human Rights Centre fellowship in Geneva. In 2005, she received an award from the International Association for Housing Science in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements towards improving and solving the world’s housing problems.

Sisulu's struggles and continuous commitment to the freedom of South Africa remains a guiding light; a beacon, illuminating South Africa's future.