**First Lady Tobeka Zuma accompanies MEC for Education Mr. Dlungwana to meet and greet Solomon Mahlangu family and Kalushi cast members**

DURBAN, City Lodge Hotel Umhlanga Ridge - 6 April 2017—First Lady Tobeka Zuma, after having accompanied a handful of youth to the Premier Showing of the Solomon Mahlangu *Kalushi* movie on 12 March 2017 as an initiative to educate young people about the birth and sacrifices of Democracy by young and brave freedom fighters like Solomon Mahlangu, today provided support in accompanying Hon. Mthandeni Khethomthandayo Dlungwana, MEC for Education in KZN to meet and greet the family of Solomon Mahlangu and the cast of *Kalushi – The Life Story Of Solomon Mahlangu* as today marks 38 years since the death Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) cadre. Mahlangu who was wrongfully accused on charges of murder and terrorism in 1977, and executed by hanging in 1979.

Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu was born in Pretoria on 10 July in 1956. He was the second son of Martha Mahlangu. His father left him in 1962, and from then on only saw him infrequently. His mother was a domestic worker and took sole responsibility for his upbringing. He attended Mamelodi High School up to Standard 8, but did not complete his schooling as a result of the school’s closure due to ongoing riots

He joined the African National Congress (ANC) in September 1976, and left the country to be trained as an Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) “The Spear of the Nation” soldier. The training was received in Angola and Mozambique and on 11 June 1977 he returned to South Africa as a cadre, heavily armed, through Swaziland to assist with student protests.

His final words before execution are reported to be, “Tell my people that I love them and that they must continue the fight, my blood will nourish the tree that will bear the fruits of freedom, Aluta continua."

**The Tobeka Madiba Zuma Foundation**

The Tobeka Madiba Zuma Foundation, which was conceptualized in 2009 and started operating in 2010, provides a novel approach to humanitarian outreach as envisioned by the First Lady of South Africa, Madam Tobeka Madiba Zuma. Madam Zuma is passionate about the plight of the impoverished and it is her vision to lend a helping hand to those in need, in order to support the government in meeting its objectives towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The TMZF advocates for unity in overcoming struggles of any nature that modern South Africa may be challenged with whilst also aiming to play a pivotal role in empowering Youth and alerting them of the stance best suitable for victory, primarily education and ensuring that all social structures have access to these empowerment strategies. **#REMEMBERINGSOLOMONMAHLANGU**

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