



## PASSING OF DR MARIUS MEYER (CHAIRMAN OF SABPP BOARD)

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It is with great sadness and shock that we announce the sad passing of Dr Marius Meyer.

Marius was at the centre of growth and development of the South African Board for People Practice (SABPP) for over twenty years. At the time of his passing Marius was preparing to step down as the Board Chair due to ill-health. Marius ascended as Chairman of the Board for just over two years; before that he was at the helm of SABPP as the CEO for almost eight years. Prior to that he was a Board Member and active professional thought contributor to the development of many milestones within the Human Resources Profession.

It was during his tenure as CEO that Marius put the SABPP in the limelight both locally and internationally. The HR profession's credibility was elevated to being a trusted strategic business partner across all sectors. He was a man of uncompromising commitment to the HR Profession and its purpose. Under his leadership great successes were recorded including but not limited to the following:

1. First HR Standards in the world
2. First HR Audit in the world
3. HR professionals became Commissioners of Oaths
4. Alliances were signed with several countries
5. Ethics and governance became central to the HR Profession

We therefore wish to celebrate his life, a selfless life he lived for the HR Profession and the upliftment of people development in South Africa. We are convinced that he has served his purpose to the fullest, and created a legacy that all of us need to protect and advance to greater heights. That's what he lived for.

To his wife Hanlie and daughter Nadia, to his parents and siblings, to his colleagues at Stellenbosch University, to his colleagues at SABPP, to his friends and all who became close to him in his journey, we offer our sincere heartfelt condolences.

Farewell to the father of Human Resources in South Africa 'Mr. HR Standards' as we all fondly referred to him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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