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New Director General Appointed

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On Monday, 17 March 2008, the Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs, Ms Lulama Xingwana, announced the appointment of Mr. Thozamile Gwanya as the new Director-General for the Department of Land Affairs. He was appointed by Cabinet on the 5th of March 2008.

Mr. Gwanya matriculated in Umtata and obtained a BCom degree in Development Economics at the University of Transkei. He brings a high level expertise to the Department as he was the Secretary-General of the South African National Civics Organization, head of the Development Institute at what is now the Walter Sisulu University. He was also the chairperson of the Transkei Land Service Organisation (TRALSO).

Before His appointment as Director-General, Mr. Gwanya was Chief Land Claims Commissioner.

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