

PROFILE OF MADODA SAMBATHA

North West MEC for Public Works and Roads



Madoda Sambatha was born in Kwangqondo (Lower Stolen) administrative area in the District of Engcobo, in Eastern Cape, on 22 October 1975.

He is the second child and first boy in the family of four children (two girls and two boys).

He attended school at Sentube JPS, Tshapile JSS and finally matriculated at Mzikayise Dalasile SSS in 1995 with matric exemption.

His political life was influenced by utat'uAlfred Sipiwe Xobololo, an ANC activist at Exhibeni in Engcobo staying next door of where Madoda Sambatha grew up and was doing junior secondary and senior secondary education.

Recruited in 1992(at the age of 17)as Young Pioneers, through Pasma meant to be trained under Sabelo Pama.

Due to serious personal challenges experienced during this period Madoda had to drop out of this group and even at school for the whole year.

Whilst based in Tsolo in 1992, he joined the ANC Youth League and later joined Cosas in 1993 and was its Sub-regional Political Education Officer between 1993-1995.

He got employment at then Western Deep Levels Number one, currently Mponeng Mine (Anglo gold Ashanti) in October 1996.

During this period he joined the National Union of Mine Workers.

He was first elected as the section steward in 1997 and grew up in the Union ranks where he became Branch Education Secretary (1997-1998), NUM acting Branch Secretary (1998-1999), was elected Education Regional Secretary for Carletonville (1997-1999).

The ideological and political development of Sambatha was sharpened through NUM Elijah Barayi Political Education programme.

Whilst in the then Western Deep Levels, he was elected as the ANC Branch Deputy Secretary (1998-2000).

During the 2000 Local Government Elections Sambatha was deployed by the ANC as a PR councillor in West Rand District Municipality and was appointed as Member of the Mayoral Committee for Public Safety, and was elected as SALGA GP chairperson for Public Safety (2000-2005).

Sambatha was elected as ANC Branch Secretary of Petrus Plaatjie Branch(ward 20 in Wedela) from 2000 - 2005.

During the same period he was elected as ANCYL REC member in West Rand Region and later in Dr Kenneth Kaunda Region before the ANCYL REC was dissolved by the ANCYL PEC of NW.

Due to political differences with the ANC Regional Leadership (2006), Sambatha declined a nomination having qualified to stand again as the District PR Councillor and then in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality in North West.

Sambatha was elected as SACP District Deputy Secretary of Yussuf Daddoo District (GP) in 1999-2002, and later became District Secretary of the SACP JB Marks District in North West(2002- 2007).

He was elected as SACP Provincial Secretary NW(2007- to date).

He is serving in the SACP Central Committee from 2007- to date.

On the education fraternity, Sambatha has done Labour Law with Natal Technikon, Municipal Manager's Certificate with University of Durban Westville.

In 2009 he spent a year (attending to Sweden five days per quarter) doing Labour Market Analysis with Swedish Public Service Institute. In this institute his research topic was " Banning or regulation of Labour Brokers".

He is current doing a degree with the University of South Africa, studying Government Administration and Development, majoring on

Public Administration and Politics.

He also has participated in both the ANC and Parliament study focus on Nationalization of Mines, participated in the international research on Nationalization focus at Chile and Bolivia (whilst in Bolivia he visited Che Guevara's original capture site and graveside in La Higuera at Valegrande.

Sambatha has written extensively on Nationalization of Mines both on behalf of NUM and personally.

In May 2006 during the May Day celebrations in Katlehong, the NUM current GS (Frans Baleni) who at the time was NUM National Education Pillar Head, encouraged Sambatha to apply for NUM position of National Educator.

This is when Sambatha became an NUM National Educator(2006-2007). He became an NUM Regional Co- ordinator for Matlosana (2007- 2008), NUM Pillar Head for NUM Parliamentary Office from 2009-2012 and later redeployed as NUM Regional Co- ordinator for Matlosana in 2013- 2014.

After 2014 elections he was elected in the North West Provincial Legislature and later appointed as MEC for Public Works and Roads.

Sambatha has served in various boards like MPRDA board and Elijah Barayi Memorial College Board, he currently serves in North West University Council and the Services SETA Board.

Sambatha is married to Phumza Sambatha, and they have five children (three daughters and two sons).

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