

## **Media statement**

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### **Death of Vuyo Mbuli a regrettable loss to the nation and to journalism – DENOSA**

Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (DENOSA) is saddened by the untimely death of the gifted radio and TV presenter, Vuyo Mbuli, and we would like to express our deepest condolences to his family, especially his children.

His death is a regrettable loss to quality journalism in the country. Vuyo was very close to DENOSA, as an organisation for nurses, and he had been a great part of our key milestones as an organisation of 16 years. He acknowledged the great contribution that nurses make in the provision of healthcare to the nation amid the difficult conditions that they work under, and the legacy left by stalwarts in nursing such as Mama Albertina Sisulu.

When we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, for example, Vuyo was a great part in organising such a successful event which highlighted the great strides that nurses made in healing the nation. Also, Vuyo gave a platform for nurses to have their voice heard when we hosted our first South African Nurses Conference in 2011.

True to his outstanding journalism principles with astute insight on everything, Vuyo was a true example of the necessary bridge between society and the decision-makers while remaining humble, relaxed and as simple as a guy from next door. He still had so much to offer the nation through his journalistic brilliance.

May his soul rest in peace and we thank God almighty for borrowing us such a contributive soul as part of the building blocks of our nation and our maturing democracy.

While still devastated, as a nursing fraternity we join the nation in saluting Vuyo for his contribution to humanity at large and for that we say, as he himself would say, 'Sharp Sharp!'

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