



### **Free State Department of Education MEC: Mr Tate Makgoe's profile**

Free State Department of Education MEC, Pule Herbert Isak Makgoe was born on 12 May 1963 in Tumahole, near Parys.

He attended his primary schooling at Tumahole and high school in Residensia at Sebokeng. While a student in his home-town he joined Tumahole Student Congress. A Chemical Engineering graduate from Technikon Vaal Triangle, Makgoe holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the world renowned University of South Africa (Unisa). He later obtained an Honours degree in Bachelor of Commerce from the University of the Free State and a Masters in Business Leadership from Unisa.

As University student 'Tate' as he is affectionately known was always aware of the delicate and volatile political landscape in the country owing to the draconian Apartheid policies. On the instruction of the now-defunct United Democratic Front (UDF), the young Tate Makgoe left South Africa in 1984 to join the African National Congress (ANC) military wing, Umkhonto Wesizwe (MK) in exile.

Makgoe has devoted his life to the disadvantaged and marginalized in order to fully realize the objectives of the true political transformation and the total eradication of grinding poverty.

Between 1986 -1991 he was incarcerated at the Sun City Prison for political activism. Following the unbanning of the ANC, Makgoe became the Northern Free State Regional Executive Committee Member of the movement in 1991. In 1994 he was appointed as the ANC Election Campaign Manager in the Free State. Between 1998 and 2001 he served as the Provincial Treasury and a Member of the Executive Committee of the ANC in the Free State. He is currently the Provincial Executive Member of the ANC in the Province.

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In the subsequent years, Makgoe one of the long-serving Member of the Executive Committee and Member of the Provincial Legislature in the Free State has been appointed to the following positions in Government:

- Member of the Free State Legislature (1994 -1999)
- Free State MEC for Finance (1994 – 1996)
- Free State MEC for Tourism and Environmental Affairs (1997-1999)
- Free State MEC for Agriculture (1999-2001)
- Chair of Chairs in the Free State Legislature (2001-2004)
- Free State MEC for Public Safety, Security and Liaison (2004 -2005)
- Free State MEC for Finance ( 2005 to 10 May 2009)

Makgoe believe in the vision of better life for all. He is driven by the quest for the total eradication of poverty and underdevelopment.

Makgoe is married to Ivy. They are blessed with three children Palesa, Maki and Junior.

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