

Farewell and Welcoming of Chief Justices

UCDP : Hon MN Matladi

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Chairperson,

To Chief Justice Ngcobo, as we bid him farewell today I'd like to quote an Irish blessing that goes "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand".

Your contribution to the legal fraternity and to South Africa cannot be summed up in words. We are blessed to have people of your calibre and whatever you shall engage your skills and experience on, we believe that it shall continue to enhance lives and continue to enhance and cultivate good faith in people, in leaders, and shall say to all of us that it is possible to have leaders of integrity, moral leaders that are free from scandals. Go well and be blessed.

To Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, on behalf of UCDP, it gives me so much pleasure and pride to stand here and welcome you to the position of a Chief Justice. We have not much to say because we believe in your capabilities, in your experience, your meticulousness and your leadership qualities. The President could not have chosen a more suitable person. You have walked the walk and we know with conviction that you shall make us proud. We look forward to your term in this office and we believe it shall be marked by positive changes that will enhance the justice system, legal fraternity and thereby enhance our democracy. Congratulations and welcome.