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### **His Excellency Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo to Receive the 2023 Medal of Glory Award**

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.-** The 2023 Medal of Glory Award (MOGA), The Foundation for Democracy in Africa's (FDA) highest honor, will be presented to His Excellency Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo, High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, for extraordinary leadership and lifetime commitment to Diplomacy, and contributions to the advancement of Peace, Security, Stability, Economic Integration and Diaspora Engagement in Africa.

High Commissioner Mamabolo holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and a diploma in journalism from Harare Polytechnic College, Zimbabwe.

Mamabolo began his political career in 1978 as the Deputy Head of Mission for the ANC in Tanzania before being appointed to the same position in Zimbabwe in 1985. He became Head of Mission (Chief Representative) for the ANC in Mozambique in 1987, then Cuba in 1989 and Zimbabwe in 1992.

Following the election of the first ANC Government in 1994, he became High Commissioner to the Republic of Zimbabwe until 1999, when he became South Africa's Permanent Representative to the African Union and concurrently South African Ambassador to Ethiopia, Sudan, and Djibouti.

In 2002, he became Deputy Director-General for African Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, until 2006, when he was appointed South Africa's Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region. From 2009 to 2013, he was South African High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria before moving on to New York to become the Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations.

In 2017, he was appointed as Joint Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations and Chairperson of the African Union, a position which he held until 2021.

The Medal of Glory Award is The Foundation for Democracy in Africa's (FDA) highest honor awarded, annually, to exemplary leaders for extraordinary contributions to democracy, and good governance, and the advancement of trade, investment, and cultural ties in Africa. Past recipients of the award, includes President Dr. Bingu Wa Mutharika of Malawi; Dr. Amadou Makhtar M'Bow, Director General of the United Nations, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1974 – 1987); Dr. Sarah E. Moten, USAID, Africa Bureau; President Mazire of Botswana; President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria; President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria; Senator Connie Mack of Florida, Dr. Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women; Mr. C. Payne Lucas, President of Africare; President Abdou Diouf of Senegal, President Alpha Omar Konare of Mali; President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal; Dennis C Moss of Miami Dade County, Florida; Mr. Ato Girma Wake of Ethiopian Airlines, Dr. Mo Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the People of the Republic of Burkina Faso; Congresswoman Ileana Ros -Lehtinen of Florida, Mr. William Talbert III, President CDME, President The Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (retired), Dr. Akinwunmi Adeshina, President of the African Development Bank Group, Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman and Commissioner District 12, Board of County Commissioner (retired), Honorable Jean Monestine, Commissioner, District 2, Board of County Commissioners(retired), Honorable Javier D. Souto, Commissioner, District 10, (retired) and Mrs. Evelyn Wynn (posthumously)

The Medal of Glory Awards will be presented during the 24<sup>th</sup> annual AfrICANDO US-Africa Trade & Investment Conference Expo under the theme The Diaspora: Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade, Investment, and Technological Innovation, slated for 25-27 October 2023 during the Awards Gala and Dinner on Friday 27, 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Miami.

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is a development organization committed to promoting participatory democracy, economic growth, and sustainable development throughout Africa. Founded in 1994, FDA is a 501c 3 not for profit, nongovernmental, nonpartisan institution headquartered in Washington, DC with offices in Miami, Florida, USA. FDA's mission is to: (1) implement culturally sensitive programs designed to strengthen and enhance the fundamental principles of democracy, freedom, and economic plurality throughout Africa, and (2) integrate emerging African democracies into the mainstream of the global economy, thus cultivating the pathway for peace and prosperity in Africa.

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