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## Nelson Mandela, a truly global citizen

INFEDOP, the International Federation of Employees in Public Services, including its Officers, Executive Committee and members were deeply saddened by the death of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black president and Nobel Peace Prize winner for his fight against white minority rule.



A truly global citizen, Nelson Mandela, elected President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999, he dedicated his efforts to dismantling apartheid and tackling institutionalized racism, poverty and inequality. We commend his tireless support to fostering racial reconciliation in spite of 27 years of imprisonment. Described as the "father of the nation", he has received international recognition for his anti-colonial and anti-apartheid position through over 250 awards including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

INFEDOP joins the international community in commemorating Nelson Mandela's devotion to democracy and equality and we honour his role as an exceptional leader and inspiration to those fighting oppression and deprivation.