

Mokate to head fiscal commission

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Cape Town – Renosi Mokate, a leading economist and one-time chief executive of the Central Energy Fund, had been appointed to replace the outgoing chairman of the Financial and Fiscal Commission, Murphy Morobe, finance minister Trevor Manuel announced yesterday.

Morobe, who is also chairman of SA National Parks, has been appointed as deputy director-general responsible for communication in the presidency as from next month.

Jaya Josie, the commission's deputy chairman, has been reappointed until February 2007.

She runs a consultancy focusing on economic development analysis and facilitation, urban and regional economic analysis, intergovernmental fiscal relations, project management and economic literacy.

She headed the Central Energy Fund from 2000 to 2003 and has served as an executive director on economic and social analysis at the Human Sciences Research Council, and has rendered services to the government, the business community and international agencies such as the UN Development Programme and World Bank.

Mokate obtained her PhD and master's degrees at the University of Delaware after completing her BA summa cum laude, class valedictorian at the Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.

Mokate specialises in development economics and planning, urban economic policy, and policy analysis. She has written a number of papers on these topics, and has served since 1995 as an extraordinary professor in the department of economics at the University of Pretoria.