



SAMEA is saddened about the news on the passing of **Mr. Jabulani Mathe**. Bra Jabu was a dedicated public servant who dedicated his life to contribute towards the development agenda of South Africa. In particular, he was one of the dedicated public servants who championed the institutionalization of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in the country including the region, playing a critical role in the establishment of the national evaluation system from 2011. Beyond his longstanding and sterling job in the public service, he also gallantly served the M&E community by being on the board of SAMEA. In a very unique and respectful manner, he remained a servient teacher and took up any available opportunity to engage with different M&E practitioners on a myriad of topics. What was also interesting is that he managed to simplify complex M&E concepts to those he engaged with, particularly emerging or middle level professionals. He had a passion and a commitment to open doors to many of those who were interested to pursue an M&E career.

To this effect, SAMEA recognised his level of efforts and awarded him the SAMEA Mentorship Award 2019. This award recognised his contribution to supporting young M&E practitioners in their career development and growth and his commitment to opening access for young and emerging evaluators in the National Evaluation System.

To the family of Bra Jabu and his colleagues in the public service, as SAMEA we say condolences.

As the M&E community in South Africa we say “phumula ngokuthula siyazi ngomsebenzi wakho nomsebenzi wakho uyazikhulumela” loosely translated rest in peace we know about your work and your work speaks for itself. We will continue to draw inspiration from your life, and we hope to make you very proud.

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