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### WFDB Presidents' Meeting, Istanbul – southern African ministers confirm attendance



***For immediate release:*** The World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) is honoured to announce that two senior cabinet ministers from southern Africa have confirmed their attendance at the 2013 Presidents' Meetings. Susan Shabangu, South Africa's Minister of Mineral Resources, and Obert Mpofu, Zimbabwe's Minister of Mines and Mining Development, will attend the meeting to take place in Istanbul, Turkey from 16-18 June.



**Shabangu** served as a Deputy Minister for Minerals and Energy from April 1996 to April 2004 and as a Deputy Minister for Safety and Security from April 2004 to May 2009 before being appointed the Minister of Mineral Resource in South Africa.



**Mpofu** was appointed Governor and Resident Minister of Matabeleland North and held this position from 1995-2005. He also served as Minister of Industry and International Trade from 2005-2009. When the ZANU-PF-MDC national unity government was sworn in on 13 February 2009, Mpofu became Minister of Mines.

Both ministers will be delivering keynote addresses during the meeting.

More information will be released over the next three weeks running up to the event.

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