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Professor Edwell Kaseke started his career as a civil servant in Zimbabwe before he joined the School of Social Work at the University of Zimbabwe in 1984. He later became Professor of Social Work and the Director of the School. In 2009, he accepted a Chair of Social Work in the School of Human and Community Development in the Department of Social Work, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits). For six years, he was the Head of the Department.

Prof Kaseke was a deeply respected academic and teacher. He taught in various Southern African countries and supervised many doctoral and master's students. His numerous scholarly writings had a lasting impact in the many areas he specialised in, including social security, social protection, poverty, social policy, social development and migration. He was known in particular as the champion of indigenous scholarly work, specifically in Southern and West Africa. He served as an editorial board member of several international journals.

Prof Kaseke was also a widely sought-after consultant who advised governments in many African countries, as well as regional and international organisations. He was passionate about addressing the plight of the vulnerable and the poor and made significant contributions to the development and strengthening of institutions and approaches to serve this particular purpose. In this context, he served among

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others as a founding member of both the Core Group of Social Security Specialists in Southern Africa and the Southern African Social Protection Experts Network (SASPEN).

Professor Kaseke obtained a Doctor of Philosophy, Social Studies from the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) in 1994 and was a holder of a Master of Science in Social Planning from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1982), a Bachelor of Social Work (1980) and Diploma in Social Work, University of Zimbabwe (1979).

Professor Edwell Kaseke touched the lives of the many students and scholars, friends and colleagues he engaged with. He will always be remembered for his warmth and care, integrity, humility and passion. We salute one of the great sons of Africa.

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