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Makhosini Hlongwane

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Makhosini Hlongwane is a Zimbabwean politician and former [ZBC](#) news reporter. He is also a former member of [Zanu-PF](#) and former Minister of Sports Recreation, Arts and Culture. In September 2015 he was sworn in as Minister without Portfolio and a week later he was appointed to the Ministry of Sport and Recreation, replacing [Andrew Langa](#)^[1]. He was expelled from the party after a military initiative code-named [Operation Restore Legacy](#).

Makhosini Hlongwane



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Born

Makhosini Hlongwane

Nationality

Zimbabwe

Education

[National University of Science and Technology](#)

He was expelled from parliament in terms of Section 129 (1) (k) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe after ZANU-PF informed the National Assembly that they he was no longer a member of the party.^[2]

Education

Hlongwane studied at the [National University of Science and Technology](#).^[3]

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Career

In July 2009 he was the Co-Chair of the [Media Thematic Committee at the First All Stake Holders Conference during the Zimbabwe Constitution-making process. Hlongwane has been a member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank. From July 2008 to July 2013 he was a member of the Media and ICTs Portfolio Committee for the [Parliament of Zimbabwe](#). Since January 2014, Hlongwane has been on the [Midlands Regional Advisory Board for the Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services](#).^[3] Before he ventured into politics, Hlongwane was employed by the [Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation](#) as a reporter.^[4] He was elected as the Member of Parliament for [Mberengwa East](#) in the July 2013 harmonised elections. On September 11, 2015, he was sworn in as Minister without Portfolio and just a week later would take over [Andrew Langa](#)'s portfolio as the Ministry of Sport and Recreation | Minister of Sport and Recreation.

Positions Held

- President of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Parliamentary Assembly (November 2013 – present)
- Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Parliament of Zimbabwe (August 2013 – present)
- Co-President of the African, Caribbean, Pacific and European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly Standing Committee on Political Affairs (November 2013 – present)

Controversy

Youth Fund

Hlongwane allegedly benefited from the youth fund as he was reported to have received \$32 380 which was meant for capitalizing a bakery in [Zvishavane](#). The youth fund is accessible to youths aged between 18 and 35 years old and Hlongwane was not a youth at the time he got the loan. [Amos Chibaya](#) who is the Member of Parliament for Mkoba, was the first to raise alarm, questioning why Hlongwane got \$32 580 yet he was not a youth.^[5]

Call For New Zimbabwe Currency

In May 2015 there were reports that Hlongwane and fellow legislator and former [ZRP](#) spokesperson, [Oliver Mandipaka](#) who is the member of parliament for Buhera West, were planning to move a motion to compel government to introduce new currency measures to protect domestic industry.^[6] This came at a time when the [Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe](#) had introduced [bond coins](#) a few months before.^[7] This proposed motion by Hlongwane sparked public and media outrage.

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Dismissal

During the military takeover dubbed [Operation Restore Legacy](#), Hlongwane was dismissed from the Zanu-PF party. Later that same month when President [Emmerson Mnangagwa](#) announced a new cabinet, Hlongwane had been relieved of his duties. [New Cabinet](#)

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