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KZN Woman Nominated as a 'Woman Leader of the World'

SIZANI Ngubane, a finalist in last year's SABC 2 'Woman of the Year,' has been honoured by being chosen as one of 23 'Women Leaders of the World,' invited to the U.S.A. by the Global Women's Leadership Network. She flew to San Francisco on 16 July to join this distinguished group of women, selected from 15 countries for their leadership qualities, to expand their roles as global innovation leaders.

The Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN) sets out to achieve breakthroughs in leadership and communication by empowering each delegate to a new level of effectiveness - so they can return to their respective countries and bring about a culture of opportunity, collaboration and extraordinary results. As founder of the Rural Women's Movement in KwaZulu-Natal, Sizani Ngubane was invited 'as a leader of competence, conscience and compassion, and a person who would dare to transform her organisation, community and world.'

On July 26 Sizani was chosen by the GWLN as the speaker to welcome 300 distinguished guests from Silicon Valley and other parts of the USA and Canada invited to Santa Clara University in San Francisco to support the proposed work of the 2008 Women



Sizani Ngubane, who is the only South African to have been nominated as a delegate to 'Women Leaders of the World' - held at San Francisco in the Silicon Valley of the USA during July. Last year Sizani was a finalist in the SABC's 'Woman of the Year' and in 2006 she flew to Scotland to receive the Nelson Mandela Graca Machel Innovation Award organised by the World Civic Assembly. Sizani Ngubane is a member of the Executive Committee of the uMngeni Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Leaders of the World. The event was televised to the American nation and it was also Sizani's task to inform the audience what she intended to do upon returning to South Africa - to translate her individual vision into reality.

'My personal vision is to create a large, women-owned Community Centre covering a wide range of activities for the 50 000 rural women of KwaZulu-Natal with whom we work. Facilities will include computing, sewing, quilting, craftwork, specialised education and skills training across a wide spectrum,' Sizani told *Village Talk*. 'The Global Women's Leadership Network will continue supporting the 23 participants by providing ongoing advice and support to ensure that each leader's vision is translated into action.'

In 2005 Sizani Ngubane was seconded to the National Movement of Rural Women in Johannesburg to resuscitate the organisation. She raised R6-million for that movement before returning to direct the Rural Women's Movement in KZN. An international visit will take place shortly to document the work Sizani Ngubane and her team are undertaking in the development of rural women in this province.