

Africa must breed new leaders, says Eskom chief

REUEL Khoza, chairman of power utility Eskom, says Africa is capable of producing quality leaders who can energise, illuminate and enlighten the continent.

Khoza was speaking ahead of the second annual Eskom African Business Leadership Forum that will take place in Johannesburg next week.

His comments reflect a growing awareness throughout the world that few true leaders are emerging.

"We should breed them. They won't just appear out of the blue and this can be done in a number of ways, including teaching leadership theory at school and

developing leadership centres within major corporations," Khoza says.

He believes that there are distinctive features that African values could bring into business culture.

These include humanity and communal relations that recognise the worth of every individual, encouraging the creativity that leads to innovation.

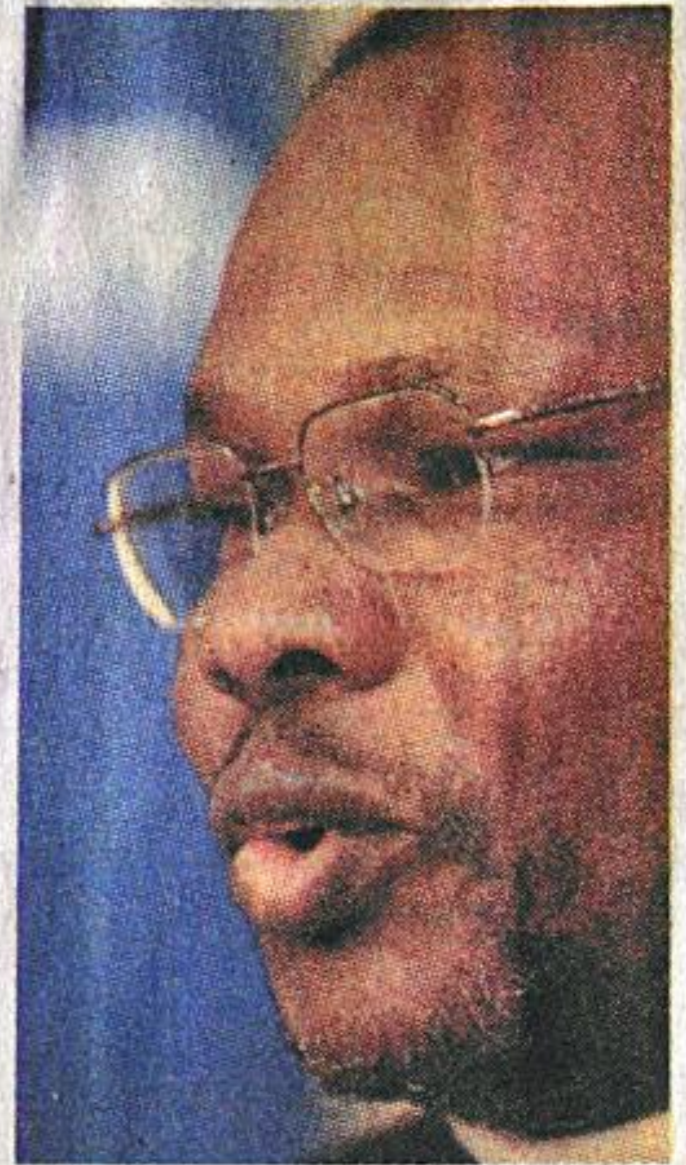
"We have to develop African leaders anchored in African tradition for an African environment to meet African challenges and equip them with requisite skills and competencies to handle the paradoxes and chal-

lenges of their times," he says.

The Eskom African Business Leadership Forum provides a platform for leaders in business and government to discuss issues ranging from economic growth for the continent to individual and common wealth.

The main sessions of the conference include leadership in transformation, leadership case studies, leadership by example and business opportunities workshops.

Khoza says: "The African conception of ideal leadership is characterised by probity, humility, integrity, compassion and humanity." — *Staff Reporter*



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