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Walter Sisulu

1. This article is not a complete or thorough introduction. There is probably too much minor detail. The main missing ingredient is a discussion of Walter Sisulu's work with the South African Communist Party, which he joined in 1955, becoming a member of the central committee in 1956. The list of political accomplishments by Walter Sisulu's descendants includes one who became an influential editor and another who became an ambassador, but neither is as important as Max Sisulu or Lindiwe Sisulu.
2. The article is well structured. However it is misleading in places, for example frequently referring to 'he' when it would be better to repeat Sisulu's name so as to avoid ambiguity.
3. See point 1 – more is needed on Sisulu's work with the Communist Party.
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5. The point made in 3 above is also reflected in the bibliography, which misses the key work, namely the biography by Elinor Sisulu. Articles 3, 5 and 9 in the bibliography are incomplete or superfluous and may be omitted.