

WARRANT

By the President whereby "the ORDER OF BAOBAB" is instituted.

To all to whom these presents may come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is desirable to take into consideration and recognize exceptional, distinguished and dedicated service to the Republic of South Africa.

And whereas it is desirable to honour in an appropriate manner persons who have displayed exceptional, distinguished and dedicated service;

Now, therefore, I do hereby institute in terms of section 84 (2) (k) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996), an Order, which shall be known as "the Order of Baobab" as an honourable tribute to such persons as may be considered deserving and further ordain that the undermentioned rules with the regulations that may be issued in terms of this Warrant shall govern the award of the Order:

CATEGORIES

1. The Order may be awarded to South African citizens in the following categories

- (i) Supreme Counsellor of Baobab in Gold

To South African citizens whose exceptional service in these fields has served the interest of the Republic of South Africa:

- the struggle for democracy;
- building democracy and human rights;
- nation-building
- peace and security;
- journalism, literature, arts, culture and music;
- business and the economy;
- science, medicine and technological innovation and
- community service.

(ii) Grand Counsellor of Baobab in Silver

To South African citizens whose distinguished service in the abovementioned fields has served the interest of the Republic of South Africa:

(iii) Counsellor of Baobab in Bronze

To South African citizens whose dedicated service in the abovementioned fields has served the interest of the Republic of South Africa:

INSIGNIA

2. The Insignia of the Order of Baobab shall consist of –

- (i) the Neck Decoration
- (ii) the Miniature and
- (iii) the Lapel badge

3. Neck Decoration and Miniature

- (i) Both the neck decoration and miniature shall be identical in design, differing only in metallic composition, size and means of suspension.
- (ii) The insignia of the Order shall comprise a nine-spoked wheel set on a largely rectangular representation of Baobab bark at random, surmounted by a nonagon bearing a Baobab eradicated within annulet, the space between the annulet and edge of the nonagon shall be green and set with a screw head in each angle, and surmounting the corresponding spoke.
- (iii) The metal of Category I, shall be gold; of Category II, silver and Category III, bronze
- (iv) The overall dimensions of the neck decoration shall be 60 mm in height and 52.5mm in width.
- (v) The dimensions of the miniature shall be one third of the size of the neck decoration.

- (vi) Both the full size and miniature insignia shall bear on the reverse the National Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa in relief.
- (vii) The reverse of the neck decoration and the miniature shall bear beneath the National Coat of Arms, a Serial number.

4 The Ribbon

- (i) The ribbon shall be 36 mm wide, be gold in colour and bear recurring representations of cream colour Baobab trees couped, each 24mm wide, 20mm in height and set 33mm apart.
- (ii) The miniature ribbon shall be half the width of the full-size ribbon.

5. The lapel badge shall in each case be the nonagon as found on the respective miniatures.

OFFICIALS OF THE ORDER

6. The officials of the Order are the following:
- (i) The President as the Patron of the Order; and
 - (ii) The Chancellor of Orders, who administers and keeps the Order.

AWARD OF THE ORDER

7. The President may subject to the rules and Regulations concerning "the Order of Baobab " (herein after referred to as the Regulations)
- (i) award the Order, also posthumously;
 - (ii) annul such award; and
 - (iii) restore an award annulled in terms of rule 7 (ii) above

WEARING OF THE ORDER

8. The insignia of Category I, Category II and Category III shall be worn pendent from a Ribbon worn around the neck, while the miniature shall be

worn on the left breast. The Lapel badges of the respective categories shall be worn on the left lapel of the jacket, or in the case of ladies as a brooch.

GENERAL RULES

9. The conferment of the Order shall not entitle recipients to any individual precedence, rank, style or title, but they shall be entitled to indicate that they have been invested with the relevant category of the Order by the use of the following post-nominal letters:

Supreme Counsellor of Baobab :	Gold -	SCOB
Grand Counsellor of Baobab:	Silver -	GCOB
Counsellor of Baobab:	Bronze-	COB

10. The President as patron of the Order is, on assumption of office and after relinquishing office, the holder of the Order in the highest category and may wear insignia of the Order on appropriate occasions.
11. All unawarded insignia and ribbons shall be kept at the Chancery and shall be issued to recipients by the Chancery only.
12. The names of the persons who have been awarded the Order, shall be published in the Government Gazette.
13. The President may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Warrant.

Given under my Hand at Pretoria this day of December, Two thousand and Two.



T. M. MBEKI,
President.

By Order of the President-in -Cabinet

REGULATIONS GOVERNING "THE ORDER OF BAOBAB"

1. The President has, in terms of rule 13 of his Warrant, dated the.....of December 2002,by which "the Order of Baobab" hereinafter referred to as the Order, approved that the following regulations governing the Order be promulgated:
2. Upon award, the Order shall be presented by the President or by any other person designated by him to the person to whom the Order has been awarded. If at all possible in the case of a posthumous award, to the next of kin, a blood relation or legal heir of the deceased, as the President may determine.
3. A Certificate of Award bearing the Seal of the Chancery of Orders and signed by the Chancellor of Orders or any officer designated by him/ her, shall be issued in respect of each award.
4. The insignia shall be worn only by the person to whom they have been awarded.
5.
 - (i) If the insignia or certificate of award is stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged, the circumstances must be reported to the Chancellor of Orders.
 - (ii) If the Chancellor, after due investigation and upon sworn information is of the opinion that the theft, loss destruction or damage to the insignia or Certificate of award was not due to negligence or carelessness of the recipient, he may authorize the replacement thereof at state expense, otherwise the recipient shall bear the cost of replacements.
6. The holder shall not pledge, barter, sell or in any way alienate the insignia except by testamentary bequest. In case of any doubt, the Chancellor of Orders must be consulted.
7. Upon award of the Order in a higher category the insignia of the Category previously held by a recipient shall be returned to the Chancery and only the Insignia of the higher category may be worn.
8.
 - (i) The President may in terms of rule 8 (ii) of the Warrant annul an award if the holder, in the opinion of the President, has performed any action or behaved in a manner which harmed the interest of the

Republic of South Africa or otherwise in such a manner that he/she has become unworthy of the Order.

- (ii) The holder concerned shall on annulment of the award surrender the Insignia and Certificate of Award to the Chancellor.
- (iii) The President may, in terms of rule 8 (iii) of the Warrant restore the annulled Order if the person concerned is in every way deserving and worthy of such restoration.

The Chancery of Orders shall keep a register in which the following shall be recorded:

- (i) The name of the recipient, the date of award and the serial number of the insignia; and
- (ii) The annulment, restoration, loss or replacement of the Insignia of the Order;

9. The President may-

- (i) amend or recall the Insignia of the Order;
- (ii) amend or rescind the requirements for award of the Order;
and
- (iii) recall the Order