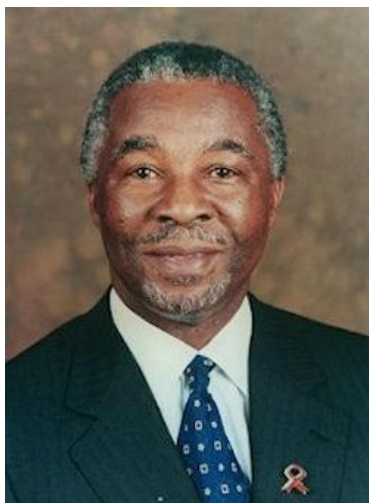




**SOUTH CENTRE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECT
FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI
AS NEW CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRE**



H.E. Mr. Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki

Former President of the Republic of South Africa

Incoming Chairperson of the Board of the South Centre



H.E. Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa

Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Outgoing Chairperson of the Board of the South Centre

The South Centre is pleased to announce that at the 19th Meeting of the Council of Representatives of the Member States of the South Centre, held in Geneva on 12 April 2018, the Council unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki, former President of the Republic of South Africa, as the new Chairperson of the Board of the South Centre, as H.E. Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, concludes his tenure as the outgoing Chairperson of the Board.

The Council of Representatives expressed their deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Mkapa for his leadership and guidance of the South Centre as the Chairperson of the Board of the South Centre since 2006, and welcomed the election of Mr. Mbeki to the position of Chairperson of the Board as a step forward in the further strengthening and development of the South Centre as the multilateral intergovernmental policy research institution of its Member States and other developing countries under the Agreement to Establish the South Centre.