

His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane Receives Global Honors and Honorary Doctorate in Historic Ceremony

JOHANNESBURG, KHAM ROYAL KINGDOM, SOUTH AFRICA, February 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane, the 1st King of the San People, was formally honored during a historic and dignified royal ceremony held on February 6, 2026, at the Royal Palace of the Kham Royal Kingdom in South Africa. The occasion marked a powerful moment of global recognition for a leader whose life and legacy embody indigenous restoration, humanitarian service, and transformational leadership.



His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane receives the iChange Nations™ Global Voice of Change Award from Dr. Ruben West, ICN Special Envoy - photo provided by Godfrey Atsing'a

The official ceremony was presided over by Dr. Ruben M. West, iChange Nations™ Special Envoy and Senior Global Civility Consultant, who led the formal conferral of honors before an esteemed gathering of approximately 200 dignitaries, traditional leaders, and international guests. The royal assembly included fellow monarchs and custodians of tradition, underscoring the historic and continental significance of the moment.

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King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane embodies leadership rooted in dignity, service, and moral courage. His voice carries not only the history of his people, but the conscience of humanity.”

*Dr. Ruben West, ICN Senior
Global Civility Advisor*

Among the notable kings in attendance were King Samuel Maxegane Nkuna, King Rapitsi Unique Mohaleamalla, King Paseka Mzizi, and King Mbangiseni William Makhushu, all of whom gathered to witness and affirm the honors bestowed upon King Tikoe, an acknowledgment not only of his leadership but of the enduring voice and resilience of the San People.

During the ceremony, His Royal Highness received the

Ruben M. West Global Voice of Change Award, which recognizes leaders who courageously advocate for justice, elevate marginalized voices, and mobilize meaningful, measurable change. King Tikoe's advocacy, rooted in ancestral wisdom, lived experience, and spiritual authority, has amplified Indigenous narratives worldwide while advancing dignity, unity, and restoration.

He was also honored with the Global Civility Voice Diplomat Award (CVD), a prestigious recognition reserved for humanitarian leaders whose service transcends borders, cultures, and circumstances. This award affirms King Tikoe's unwavering commitment to civility in action, leadership defined by service, moral courage, and a deep sense of responsibility to humanity. The CVD was presented by Ambassador Dr. Dominic Obadiah and Ambassador Dr. Roselyn Nyakona-David, both of whom traveled from Kenya to present and attend.

In a crowning academic and moral affirmation, United Graduate College and Seminary International formally conferred an Honorary Doctorate upon His Royal Highness, recognizing his extraordinary contribution to humanity, stewardship of traditional authority, and lifelong dedication to ethical leadership. The institution acknowledged King Tikoe as a global figure whose life's work has added enduring value to human knowledge, culture, and leadership philosophy.

Founded in 1982 and operating in more than 50 countries worldwide, United Graduate College and Seminary International places King Tikoe among a distinguished circle of global leaders honored for their transformational impact and service to humanity.

The ceremony at the Royal Palace of the Kham Royal Kingdom stands as a defining



His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane receives Honorary Doctorate in Traditional Leadership from United Graduate College and Seminary International - photo provided by Godfrey Atsing'a



His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane presented with the Global Civility Voice Diplomat Award by Ambassador Dr. Roselyne Nyakona David and Ambassador Dominic Obadiah both of the Republic of Kenya - photo provided by Godfrey Atsing'a

moment—one that united royalty, diplomacy, spirituality, and global leadership in recognition of a king whose life reflects resilience refined by adversity and authority anchored in service.

“Today, we did not merely present awards; we affirmed a legacy. His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane embodies the essence of leadership rooted in dignity, service, and moral courage. His life is living proof that true authority is not taken; it is earned through sacrifice, integrity, and unwavering commitment to humanity. King Tikoe is a global voice of change because he speaks not only for his people but for conscience itself. Through his stewardship of ancient wisdom and his embrace of modern responsibility, he reminds the world that civility is not a concept—it is a calling. It was my profound honor to preside over this historic ceremony and to witness a king whose leadership restores hope, identity, and purpose to generations present and future.” ~ Dr. Ruben West

Together, these honors affirm King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane as a global voice for change, a custodian of ancient wisdom, and a modern leader whose legacy continues to shape a more civil, compassionate, and inclusive world.

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World Civility Ambassador Dr. Ruben West presents His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane with a symbolic gift (Proof American Silver Eagle) during international visit to the Royal Palace of the Kham Royal Kingdom - photo provided by Godfrey Atsing'a



Kenya delegation led by Amb. Dr. Roselyne Nyakona David and Amb. Dr. Dominic Obadiah present gifts to His Royal Highness King Tikoe Tefo Meshack Lekitlane during international visit to Royal Palace of the Kham Royal Kingdom in South Africa - photo by Godfrey Atsing'a

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