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Simon Popo Molefe was born in 1952

His Academic Qualifications include:

- ✓ Degree in Communication at the University of South Africa.
- ✓ Certificate for Conflict Resolution at Harvard University (1990).
 - ✓ Diploma from the Wharton School of Economics.
- ✓ Studied with UNISA and the London School of Economics.

Career/Positions/Memberships/Other Activities

- ✓ Joined the Black Peoples Convention (1973).
- ✓ Joined the South African Student's Movement (SASM).
 - ✓ Detained for seven months in 1976.
- ✓ Founding member of AZAPO-Chairperson of Soweto Branch (1979- 1980).
- ✓ Leading member of the Soweto Students' Representative Council and member of the Committee of Ten during the Soweto Rebellion (1982- 1984).
 - ✓ Arrested in 1981 and 1984.
- ✓ A key figure in the formation of the United Democratic Front (UDF) (1983).
 - ✓ National Secretary for the UDF (1983).
 - ✓ Involved in a trial when 22 activists were arrested and charged with terrorism, high treason, subversion, five counts of murder and promoting the aims and objectives of a banned organisation (primarily the ANC) (1985).
 - ✓ Received 10-year jail sentence in 1988, but released on appeal in 1989.
- ✓ Became Deputy Chairperson of the ANC's Pretoria/Witwatersrand/Vaal region after the unbanning of the ANC in 1990.
- ✓ Key member of the reception committee for Mr Mandela's release (1990).
 - ✓ Played a crucial role in building ANC structures (1991- 1992).
- ✓ Appointed Chairperson of the 80th anniversary celebration of the ANC.
 - ✓ Deputy Head of the National Organising Department of the ANC.
 - ✓ Head of the ANC's Election Department (June 1992).

Positions last held in government

- ✓ Premier of the North West Province (1994).
- ✓ Chairperson of the ANC in the North West Province.
- ✓ Member of the ANC National Executive Committee (1991).
- ✓ Member of the ANC National Working Committee (1991)