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**INFORMATION NOTE**

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**Major General Derrick Mgwebi, ONUB Force Commander**



*Bujumbura, Burundi* - Major General Derrick Mgwebi took over as ONUB Force Commander on 1 June 2004. He previously headed the forces of the African Mission in Burundi (AMIB) who were rehatted as Blue Helmets on that date. Maj Gen Mgwebi, who hails from South Africa, began his military career in 1978. He worked his way up the ranks from platoon commander to company commander and unit commander.


In 1991, he was appointed director of Special Forces and, in 1993, director of Training and Operations. From 1995-1997, he held the post of Military Secretary at the Ministry of Defense and from 1997-2002 he was General Office Command, Mpumalanga Command. His current substantive position is General Office Command, Joint Operations HQ. He holds a diploma in defense management and a degree in business administration from the University of South Africa. An infantry soldier and a paratrooper, Gen Mgwebi was born in 1956, he is married to Busisiwe, with 2 sons and 2 daughters. He lists his hobbies as sports, reading and walking.

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