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**Dr. Duduzile
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Here to be Re-inventive

The lessons that taught Dr Duduzile Madlala how to begin again.

With more than three decades of experience in business and executive leadership, Dr. Duduzile "Dee" Madlala is using the lessons from her own life to help women navigate change, uncertainty and new beginnings.

Dr. Madlala has experienced enough change to know that even the best-laid plans do not always work out as expected.

Known as Dr. Dee, Dr. Madlala has held senior leadership positions across South Africa and Botswana, including serving as a CEO and Group Managing Director. She is also an entrepreneur, holds a Doctor of Business Administration and has spent much of her career understanding what it takes to lead and sustain businesses through change.

Today, Dr. Madlala describes herself as a Resilience Architect and Business Strategist. Her work focuses on how people respond when careers change, businesses come under pressure or life takes an unexpected turn. It is informed by both her professional experience and challenges she has faced herself.

Her memoir, *A Million Lessons Later: A Memoir and Practical Guide to Resilience*, brings these experiences together. She writes about adversity, loss, leadership, reinvention and hope, reflecting on what difficult periods can teach us.

For Dr. Madlala, resilience is not about pretending setbacks are easy or finding a positive spin for every difficult experience; it is about acknowledging what has happened, learning from it and deciding how to move forward.

This is particularly relevant to women whose personal and professional lives can change at the same time. A career transition may coincide with challenges at home, while an entrepreneur may be trying to keep a business going through a period of personal uncertainty.

Through her work as an author and speaker, Dr. Madlala shares practical lessons on leadership, entrepreneurship and navigating change. Her years as an executive and entrepreneur also give her an understanding of resilience in business, where circumstances can require difficult decisions, adaptability and a willingness to reconsider plans.

At the centre of her work is a belief that people who refuse to give up can rise, rebuild and lead. This idea is shaped by more than three decades of experience and the lessons of her own life.

For women facing a career transition, building a business, stepping into leadership or finding themselves somewhere they did not anticipate, Dr. Madlala's story offers a useful perspective. Beginning again does not mean starting from nothing. The experience and lessons gathered along the way can help shape what comes next.

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