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South Africa

at the forefront of HIV prevention innovation

The introduction of Lenacapavir for HIV prevention in South Africa represents the culmination of more than a decade of strategic leadership and health system strengthening led by the National Department of Health. South Africa has been one of the few countries globally to make antiretroviral-based pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) available as part of the Essential

Medicines List and integrated within the country's public primary healthcare (PHC) system.

The rollout of Lenacapavir, therefore, does not represent a stand-alone intervention, but rather builds on a strong and mature HIV prevention platform that has progressively expanded access to HIV prevention services across the country.

In 2016, the Department of

Health adopted a bold and pioneering approach to HIV prevention by introducing oral PrEP. By 2021, South Africa had successfully scaled oral PrEP across the public health sector, even as many countries were still debating its feasibility, affordability and implementation in routine health services. Today, more than 2.2 million South Africans have been initiated on

oral PrEP through public sector programmes.

Government recognised early that ending new HIV infections would require not only the expansion of HIV treatment, but also sustained investment in innovative HIV prevention technologies that empower people to protect themselves from HIV.

This strategic vision positioned the country as a global



President Cyril Ramaphosa and Health Minister, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi at the official launch of the national rollout of Lenacapavir.



leader in HIV prevention innovation and laid the foundation for the introduction of next-generation long-acting prevention options such as Lenacapavir.

We have made efforts in ensuring that oral PrEP was integrated into routine PHC services, ensuring that HIV prevention became part of comprehensive healthcare that includes HIV testing services, sexual and reproductive health services, sexually transmitted infection management, TB screening, maternal and child health services, and linkage to HIV treatment and care.

The introduction of Lenacapavir now builds directly on this solid foundation. South Africa's established PHC infrastructure, trained healthcare workforce, HIV prevention guidelines,

supply chain systems, monitoring platforms and community mobilisation networks created the enabling environment necessary for the rapid introduction of long-acting HIV prevention technologies. Without the earlier strategic investments in oral PrEP and integrated prevention services, the country would not have been positioned to move so quickly towards implementing Lenacapavir at scale.

Lenacapavir represents a major scientific breakthrough in HIV prevention. Unlike daily oral PrEP, Lenacapavir is administered as two injections every six months, offering individuals a highly effective long-acting prevention option that reduces the burden of daily pill-taking and may improve adherence and convenience for many users. Clinical trials demonstrated unprecedented effectiveness in preventing HIV infection, leading to global recognition of Lenacapavir as one of the most important advances in HIV prevention in recent years.

Through coordinated engagement with regulatory authorities, researchers, international partners, provincial health departments and civil society,

we have overseen the introduction of Lenacapavir into the public health system as part of a broader combination HIV prevention programme.

Importantly, we have consistently emphasised that Lenacapavir is an additional HIV prevention choice rather than a replacement for existing prevention methods.

This reflects South Africa's broader prevention philosophy of informed choice and combination prevention, recognising that different individuals require different prevention options at different stages of their lives. By expanding prevention choices, we are ensuring that more people can access prevention methods that suit their circumstances and preferences.

The significance of Lenacapavir extends beyond the introduction of a new medicine. It signals the next phase in the evolution of HIV prevention and strengthens South Africa's efforts to end new HIV infections. Long-acting prevention technologies have the potential to overcome many of the adherence and access barriers associated with daily prevention methods, particularly among populations most vulner-

able to HIV infection, including adolescent girls and young women, sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender persons, and pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Government will continue to mobilise resources and strengthen partnerships to support the rollout of this game-changer as part of our ongoing efforts to prevent new HIV infections in our country.

South Africa's approach reflects a balanced model of domestic ownership and catalytic international support. While development partners have assisted with catalytic support for the early introduction of Lenacapavir, I reaffirm government's commitment to long-term sustainability and future domestic financing as more affordable generic products become available.

By building on the strong foundation established through the national oral PrEP programme, South Africa is undoubtedly positioned to once again lead globally in expanding equitable access to life-saving HIV prevention technologies and accelerating progress towards ending new HIV infections.❖

Rebuilding public trust

through delivery and accountability



Nomonde Mnu kwa,
GCIS Acting Director-General.

The month of July is dedicated to honouring the enduring legacy of our first democratic President Nelson Mandela, whose life was defined by selfless service to the people of South Africa. This annual observance is not just a symbolic tribute but is a reminder of the values that should guide every public servant.

Madiba's legacy calls on us to demonstrate, through our actions, a steadfast commitment to serving the public with integrity, accountability and compassion. It reminds us that government's legitimacy is earned not through words, but through tangible action that protects human dignity, advances accountability and places people at the centre of every decision.

These values are firmly rooted in the principles of Batho Pele,

which call on us to listen actively, communicate clearly, act with professionalism and courtesy, uphold service standards and provide redress where we fall short.

At a time when citizen confidence in public institutions is under increasing pressure, our responsibility as public servants should move from commitment to credible delivery and from intention to visible impact.

We must also make deliberate use of the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms already in place across government to identify gaps and strengthen performance where it does not meet the required standards. One such mechanism is the *National Quantitative Tracker Report* produced by the GCIS, which provides critical insights to guide evidence-based

decision-making.

The latest *National Quantitative Tracker Report (Quarter 4, 2025/26)* presents a sobering reflection of public sentiment. It indicates that 79% of respondents believe the country is moving in the wrong direction, while only 18% hold a positive view. This underscores the need for strengthened communication and increased visibility of government interventions and service delivery outcomes.

This finding must be understood as a clear call to action. Citizens are forming their judgments based on lived experience – whether services are reliable, whether leadership is visible, whether institutions are responsive and whether government acts with integrity and urgency.

As we prepare for the 2026

Local Government Elections, rebuilding public trust must become a deliberate and sustained programme of action across the public sector. While elections remain a cornerstone of our democracy, trust is strengthened every day through services that function effectively, institutions that listen and respond, and public servants who consistently uphold the dignity of those they serve.

For citizens to actively participate in democratic processes, they must have confidence that these processes deliver meaningful benefits in their everyday lives.

For many South Africans, government is experienced most directly through the services that shape daily life – clean water, sanitation, refuse removal, electricity, safe roads, clinics,

schools, housing administration, and responsive public offices. When these services are reliable and accessible, they affirm dignity and reinforce confidence in the capability of the State. When they fail, frustration deepens and public trust is eroded.

The findings from the Tracker Report reinforces the close relationship. Encouragingly, citizens continue to recognise progress in several key service areas, with 50% expressing positive views on access to clean drinking water, 49% on solid waste removal, and 47% on the reliability of electricity supply.

However, the findings also highlight critical areas requiring attention. Confidence in the maintenance of municipal infrastructure remains low at 35%, while perceptions of community inclusion and consultation in development processes stand at just 31%.

These findings reveal an important reality – service delivery is not only about the provision of infrastructure. It is equally about consistent maintenance, clear and continuous communication, institutional responsiveness, and the extent to which communities feel heard and included in decisions that affect their lives.

Public trust in institutions remains under pressure, particularly at local government level.

This points to the need for a coordinated government-wide response that focuses on improving service delivery outcomes, strengthening accountability, demonstrating responsive leadership, and communicating progress more effectively. Public confidence is unlikely to improve through messaging alone; it must be reinforced by visible improvements in the quality of services and the lived experiences of citizens.

The Tracker Report identifies important areas of strength that demonstrate government's capacity to deliver meaningful outcomes. Public approval remains relatively stronger in the provision of social grants, efforts to combat and treat HIV and AIDS and TB, and the delivery of basic education.

These achievements show that sustained progress is possible when systems are well-coordinated, implementation is focused and institutions are held accountable for results. The challenge now is to replicate these success factors in areas where public confidence remains low, particularly in addressing corruption and crime, maintaining critical infrastructure and improving the quality and responsiveness of frontline services.

These findings reinforce the importance of building a capa-

ble, ethical and developmental state. A capable state plans effectively, maintains infrastructure, uses data to solve problems and equips public servants with the skills and necessary support to deliver. An ethical state acts decisively against corruption, protects public resources and enforces consequence management. A developmental state reduces inequality, expands opportunity and ensures that no one is left behind.

Government interventions, such as the ongoing review of the *White Paper on Local Government* are therefore critical reform opportunities to address the root causes of municipal dysfunction and strengthen the sphere closest to communities. This review presents a timely chance to align policy with the realities faced by municipalities on the ground. The White Paper must support a system that is fit for purpose, financially sustainable, professionally led and accountable.

Most importantly, it must translate into measurable improvements in citizens' lived experience, including better governance, stronger accountability, improved infrastructure management, more meaningful community participation and more reliable service delivery.

Citizens also hold clear views on the type and quality

of leadership demonstrated by public servants. The Tracker Report indicates that only 29% of citizens believe that premiers and mayors are performing their duties effectively, while just 27% feel that ward councillors are doing their jobs well, reflecting relatively low levels of public confidence.

These ratings can improve if public leadership becomes more visible, accessible and accountable.

Despite low levels of trust in institutions and government performance, a majority of South Africans continue to demonstrate resilience and hope. The Tracker Report shows that 51% of South Africans remain proud to be South African and 58% are confident about a shared, positive future. This national pride provides a vital foundation for renewal.

As we mark Mandela Month, let us recommit to the discipline of delivery. Public trust is not rebuilt through promises made – but through promises kept in every ward, every service centre, every repaired road, every functioning tap and every citizen treated with dignity. The task before us is clear: to translate hope into action and action into results that improve the lives of all South Africans.

Batho Pele! ❖

Strengthening the shield for whistleblowers

Government has stepped up efforts to strengthen protections for whistleblowers, amid growing concern over the risks faced by those who expose wrongdoing. The issue has recently come into sharper focus, following the killing of Marius van der Merwe, known as Witness D, shortly after he testified before the Madlanga Commission of Inquiry.

The reform process gathered momentum in April 2026, when Justice and Constitutional Development Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi released the draft Protected Disclosures Bill for public comment. The proposed legislation seeks to repeal and replace

the Protected Disclosures Act of 2000 with a stronger and more comprehensive framework for safeguarding whistleblowers.

In an interview

with *Public Sector Manager* (PSM), Kubayi, expatiated on how the proposed legislation seeks to address long-standing shortcomings in the current legal framework and create a safer environment for those who expose corruption, fraud and other forms of wrongdoing.

The proposed Bill follows recommendations made by the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector, commonly known as the Zondo Commission, in 2022 as well as recommendations from the National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council in 2025.

According to Minister Kubayi, the legislation is also intended to modernise South Africa's whistleblower protection regime and ensure that disclosures are handled effectively while providing meaningful support to those who come forward.

"The Protected Disclosures Act of 2000 was primarily enacted to provide procedures through which employees in both the public and private sectors could disclose information regarding unlawful or irregular conduct and to provide protection to employees who make disclosures," she said.

Photo: Supplied

Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi.

A stronger protection framework

However, evidence over the past two decades revealed severe impairments.

“It was found in the Zondo Commission that the current Act does not provide a clear-cut procedure for a discloser to follow and does not sufficiently guarantee that disclosures will be protected. It is not proactive in providing physical protection, it offers no incentives to the discloser, and it does not ensure that information reaches institutions with specialised skills to receive, investigate and utilise such information effectively,” the Minister explained.

One of the most significant features of the proposed legislation is the criminalisation of retaliation against whistleblowers.

The Bill introduces severe penalties for individuals who subject whistleblowers to occupational detriment or other forms of detrimental action because of their disclosures.

“This is an additional layer of protection,” said Kubayi. “A contravention of these provisions may attract a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 years, or both.”

“The seriousness of this of-

fence is such that occupational detriment and detrimental action against disclosers can lead to loss of lives, as we have seen in some reported cases. It is, therefore, important that such an offence should carry serious penalties to serve as a deterrent.”

The proposed penalties signal government’s intention to treat retaliation against whistleblowers as a serious criminal offence rather than merely a labour relations matter.

The Bill also seeks to address one of the major concerns highlighted during the State Capture inquiry – the vulnerability of whistleblowers after they come forward.

Minister Kubayi said the proposed legislation significantly expands the protection available to disclosers.

“The Bill provides that no discloser or related person may be subjected to any detrimental action on account, or partly on account, of having made a protected disclosure,” she said.

Importantly, protection is no longer confined to the traditional employer-employee relationship. Where a whistleblower experiences retaliation, both the employer and the client



The draft Protected Disclosures Bill will offer whistleblowers greater protection and support.

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who is aware of the detrimental action may be held jointly and severally liable.

The Bill also extends access to witness protection measures.

Legal assistance

Legal assistance forms another key pillar of the support framework. Under the proposed legislation, courts may refer whistleblowers who cannot afford legal representation to Legal Aid South Africa for assistance at State expense, where substantial injustice would otherwise result.

To strengthen these protections further, the Bill proposes amendments to legislation governing Legal Aid South Africa to

ensure that whistleblowers can access legal support without being subjected to certain standard eligibility requirements, such as means testing.

The Bill also places a strong emphasis on preserving confidentiality.

Funding the support measures

Questions have been raised about how government intends to fund the expanded support measures, including psychosocial services, legal assistance and witness protection.

Kubayi has acknowledged that sustainable funding will be critical to the effective implementation of these measures.



“Whistleblowers expose corruption, fraud and other types of serious crimes at huge personal cost to themselves and their families,” said Kubayi.

“At worst, whistleblowers lose their lives, and there are some who suffer retaliatory action that leads to loss of jobs, income and properties such as houses and cars.”

While the proposed reward is relatively modest, she believes it serves an important purpose.

“We believe it is necessary for some of their expenses to be covered for doing this very important public service. In addition to encouraging reporting, we also want to ensure that whistleblowers’ living circumstances are cushioned from the potential backlash that they might suffer.”

Guarding against abuse

To guard against abuse, the Bill includes strict penalties for malicious or false disclosures.

“As part of the legislative implementation process, the Department engages with the National Treasury to ensure that the implementation of the measures provided for in the Bill are adequately funded once Parliament passes the Bill into an Act of Parliament,” she said.

Another notable innovation is the introduction of financial rewards for whistleblowers.

The Bill proposes that courts may award qualifying whistleblowers up to one quarter of a monetary sanction imposed following a successful conviction.

“A discloser who intentionally discloses false information knowing that information to be false, or who ought reasonably to have known that the information is false, is guilty of an offence,” the Minister explained.

Such offences could attract a fine, imprisonment of up to two years, or both. The Bill further provides that protection may be withdrawn in cases where a whistleblower knowingly makes false statements or continues to participate in the wrongdoing being disclosed.

Central electronic database

Another important feature of the proposed legislation is the creation of a central electronic database to record and track protected disclosures.

The database will capture key information, including the date on which a disclosure was received, its status – whether under investigation, referred, dismissed or finalised – as well as the timelines attached to each stage of the process.

“The central database will enable tracking, monitoring and accountability in ensuring compliance with the timelines provided for, as well as improving coordination and preventing

duplication of investigations,” Kubayi explained.

The Bill extends protection beyond employees to include contractors, consultants, trainees and other individuals who may possess valuable information regarding wrongdoing.

“Where disclosures are only restricted to employees, it becomes a disadvantage to the entire system to rid itself of corruption and other unlawful activities.”

The legislation also requires employers in both the public and private sectors to establish internal disclosure procedures and designate officials responsible for receiving and managing reports.

Independence and credibility

To enhance confidence in the whistleblower protection framework, the Bill introduces a complaints mechanism overseen by a retired judge.

The Minister believes this will strengthen both independence and credibility.

For the Minister, the Bill ultimately represents an important step towards rebuilding public confidence and strengthening the fight against corruption. ❖

Access SARS Digitally

SARS digital channels make it easier to manage your tax affairs. You can register, file, update your details, and check your tax information online without visiting a SARS Service Centre.

 SMS:	47277
 USSD:	*134*7277#
 WhatsApp:	0800 11 7277
 Website:	www.sars.gov.za
 Lwazi AI-Assistant:	SARS eFiling, MobiApp, and www.sars.gov.za

Avoid Penalties — File on Time

You are non-compliant if you do not submit your income tax return, submit it late, or fail to tell SARS about important changes such as your address, banking details, or representative taxpayer.

If you do not file your return or keep your information up to date:

- ▶ You may face monthly penalties ranging from R250 to R16 000, depending on your income.
- ▶ These penalties will continue to increase for as long as the non-compliance remains unresolved.

Check Your SARS Correspondence

Check your SARS messages regularly so that you do not miss important updates or delays affecting your tax matters.

Log in to SARS eFiling to view your messages.

- ▶ Go to "Returns" and select "Search Correspondence" to find letters and notices such as:
 - ▶ Notice of Assessment (ITA34).
 - ▶ Payment demands and operations letters.
 - ▶ Enforcement letters.
 - ▶ Third-party letters.
 - ▶ Completion letters.
 - ▶ Requests for supporting documents.
 - ▶ Auto-finalisation letters.

Check your SARS messages regularly so that you do not miss important updates that may affect your tax matters.

Pay SARS

You can pay your assessed tax and any outstanding balance online.

Keep this in mind:

- ▶ If you are paying from your **Statement of Account (SOA)**, you can choose how much you want to pay.
- ▶ If you are paying from your **Notice of Assessment (ITA34)**, you must pay the **full amount** owed to SARS.

Make sure you understand your statement of account to avoid underpaying or delays.

Payment Methods

To make sure that your payment to SARS is processed and allocated correctly, you can make payment:

- ▶ Via SARS eFiling.
- ▶ On the SARS MobiApp.
- ▶ By making an electronic fund transfer (EFT); or.
- ▶ At a participating bank.
- ▶ If you are a foreign taxpayer: Use SWIFT.

Use a Registered Tax Practitioner

Be careful who you trust with your tax matters. Using an unregistered tax practitioner can put you at serious risk.

Unregistered practitioners may:

- ▶ Submit incorrect or fraudulent information on your behalf.
- ▶ Fail to submit your tax return at all.
- ▶ Disappear without resolving your tax matters, leaving you liable.

Remember: You remain responsible for your tax affairs, even if someone else submits your return.

Always make sure your tax practitioner is registered with a recognised controlling body and SARS.

Don't take the risk — verify before you trust.

Watch out for Scams and Phishing

Scammers often pretend to be SARS to trick you into sharing personal or financial information. They may contact you by phone, email or SMS, or send links to fake websites that look real. SARS will never ask for your banking details, tax information, or eFiling login details through these channels.

Do not click on suspicious links or respond to questionable messages. If something does not seem right, verify it first. Visit the Scams and Phishing page on the official SARS website to check whether a message is genuine and to stay informed about the latest scams.

Stay alert. Protect your information. Don't fall victim to phishing.

Follow SARS This Filing Season

Follow SARS's social media channels for updates, important deadlines, scam alerts, and practical tips to help you file and pay with confidence. SARS social channels are a trusted source of clear, reliable information to help you avoid mistakes and stay compliant during Filing Season.

More information is available on the Filing Season webpage on www.sars.gov.za. Stay informed. Stay protected. Follow SARS today.



The Power of **DONE**

GET READY FOR TAX FILING SEASON 2026

Filing season does not have to be complicated. This leaflet will help you understand what to do, when to do it, and how SARS digital channels can make filing simpler and faster.

Taxpayer categories

A **non-provisional taxpayer** is typically a person who earns a regular salary or wage from an employer and whose PAYE is already deducted throughout the year. Usually, these taxpayers have simple tax affairs with no additional income sources, and they are either auto-assessed or submit their tax returns once during Filing Season every year.

You are a **provisional taxpayer** if you earn income that SARS has NOT already taxed through PAYE. It could be income from a business, freelance work, investments, or rental income. Provisional taxpayers must pay their tax every 6 months in arrears for the tax period based on their estimated income.

Know Your Filing Dates

Auto Assessments notices: 1 July to 12 July 2026	Provisional taxpayers: 13 July 2026 to 22 January 2027	Non-provisional individuals: 13 July to 23 October 2026
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What's New on Your Tax Form (ITR12)

SARS has made improvements to make completing your tax return easier, faster, and more accurate.

Here's what's changed:

Less capturing, more pre-filled data.

- ▶ Some of your information (like investment income) will already be filled in on your form — saving you time.

Simpler, easier-to-understand questions.

- ▶ The form has been simplified with fewer repeated questions and clearer wording to help you complete it correctly.

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Simpler, easier to understand questions

- ▶ The form has been simplified with fewer repeated questions and clearer wording to help you complete it correctly.

Better guidance on residency status

- ▶ New questions and date fields will help you provide the right information about your residency.

Easier medical aid selection

- ▶ A dropdown list of approved medical aid schemes will help you choose the correct option and avoid mistakes.

Use WhatsApp for quick and simple access

- ▶ To protect your tax information, SARS will encrypt your Notice of Assessment (ITA34) and Statement of Account (SOA) when you request it via WhatsApp.

Fewer verification issues.

- ▶ A new declaration alert questionnaire will help identify and resolve issues earlier, reducing the chances of your return being selected for verification.

These changes are designed to make your filing experience smoother and help you get it right the first time.

Understand Auto-Assessment

An Auto-Assessment is when SARS completes your tax return on your behalf using information received from employers, banks, medical schemes, retirement funds and insurers.

Taxpayers selected for Auto-Assessment will receive a notification via SMS or email between 1 and 12 July 2026, advising them of their outcome — whether:

- ▶ A refund is due to them, or
- ▶ Payment is required to SARS, or
- ▶ It is a zero assessment — meaning nothing is due to the taxpayer or to SARS.

To check if you will be auto-assessed, taxpayers can visit the SARS Online Query System (SOQS):

- ▶ Go to www.sars.gov.za.
- ▶ Select SARS Online Query System (SOQS).
- ▶ Navigate to "My Auto-Assessment Status".

If no Auto-Assessment notification is received by 12 July 2026, it means that you will not be auto-assessed and must complete and submit an income tax return from 13 July 2026.

If you receive an Auto-Assessment notification, it is important that you:

- ▶ Review the Auto-Assessment. Log in to eFiling or the SARS MobiApp and check if all information is correct.
- ▶ If the information is correct, then no further action is required and no income tax return needs to be submitted.
- ▶ If the information is incorrect, check all the information on the income tax return, add any missing details and submit using eFiling or the SARS MobiApp.

Auto-Assessment makes filing easier — and when information is correct, taxpayers can experience The Power of Done sooner. It is still very important to review every assessment carefully.

Check if You Need to File

Not sure if you need to submit a tax return? Visit the Do you need to submit a return page on www.sars.gov.za.

Get Your Tax Number

Your tax number is unique to you, so keep it handy when you interact with SARS. If you need to retrieve it, use one of these options:

- ▶ SARS Online Query System (SOQS): Visit www.sars.gov.za, click on SOQS, and enter the contact details registered with SARS.
- ▶ WhatsApp: Say "Hi" to SARS on 0800 11 7277, select "Tax Reference Number", and follow the prompts.
- ▶ SMS: Send your ID, passport, or asylum-seeker number to 47277.
- ▶ USSD: Dial *134*7277# from your cell phone, select option 1, and enter your ID, passport, or asylum-seeker number.
- ▶ SARS eFiling or MobiApp: If you are registered for eFiling, request your Notice of Registration (IT150) on eFiling or the SARS MobiApp.
- ▶ Lwazi - AI Assistant: Use the Lwazi chatbot on SARS eFiling or the SARS MobiApp. Have your ID, passport, or asylum-seeker number ready, together with the mobile number or email address SARS has on record for you.
- ▶ SARS Service Centre: Book an appointment online at www.sars.gov.za to visit a SARS Service Centre.

Do It Online!

SARS eFiling and MobiApp offer a faster and more convenient way to manage your tax affairs. You can file your return, update your details, and access your tax information without visiting a SARS Service Centre.

Download the SARS MobiApp from Google Play, Huawei App Gallery, or the Apple App Store.

Please remember that if you need to visit a SARS Service Centre you need to make an eBooking on the SARS website.

Better Security on SARS eFiling and MobiApp

SARS uses extra security to protect your account when you log in.

When you access your eFiling profile, you will get a notification on your phone or mobile device. You must approve this notification to log in. Make sure your device is set as your main device on your eFiling profile.

Two ways to log in:

Two-Factor Authentication: Use your username, password, and approve the notification on your device.

Passwordless Login: Use your username and approve the notification — no password needed.

All login notifications are sent to the SARS MobiApp on your smart device.

Reset Your eFiling Login Details

Forgot your eFiling username or password? You can reset your login details in a few steps.

- ▶ On the SARS website: Visit www.sars.gov.za and click "Forgot Username" or "Forgot Password". Then follow the prompts.
- ▶ On the SARS MobiApp: Tap "Forgot Password", enter the requested information, choose how you want to receive your OTP, and create a new password once your OTP has been verified.

If you need to reset both your username and password, first select "Forgot Username". Once you have your username, follow the steps to reset your password.

Your password must be at least eight characters long and include an uppercase letter, a lowercase letter, a number, and a special character. Choose a password that is not easy to guess.

Update Your Details First

Before you file, check that your security contact details, personal information, and banking details are up to date. This helps SARS process your assessment and any refund due to you quickly.

Security Contact Details

Your security contact details are the cell phone number and email address linked to your SARS eFiling profile. To update them, log in to eFiling and select "Security Contact Details". Follow the prompts and, once you have entered the correct information, you will receive confirmation that your details have been updated.

Update Your Personal Details

Keep your personal information up to date so that SARS can assist you quickly. Here is how to update your details:

- ▶ Log in to SARS eFiling.
- ▶ Click on "Home".
- ▶ Select "SARS Registered Details".
- ▶ Click on "Maintain SARS Registered Details".
- ▶ Choose the section you want to update:

• My Addresses	• My Bank Accounts
• My Email Addresses	• My eFiling Security Details
• My Trading Name Details	

- ▶ Update the information.
- ▶ Click "Done", then "Submit" to save your changes.

Update Your Banking Details

If both your cell phone number and email address have changed, you may not be able to update your banking details online. In that case, call the SARS Contact Centre on 0800 00 7277 or visit a SARS Service Centre to verify your identity. To save time, book an appointment first on the SARS website, www.sars.gov.za.

If your contact details are up to date, you can update your banking details quickly and easily on SARS eFiling by following these steps:

- ▶ Log In: Access your SARS eFiling profile.
- ▶ On home page, click Update My Personal Income Tax Bank Account.
- ▶ The Banking Details Update screen will appear.
- ▶ Click Maintain SARS Registered Details.
- ▶ Use the drop-down menu to select your bank name.
- ▶ Enter your branch code or branch name, account number, account type, and account holder name.
- ▶ Click Update Banking Details.
- ▶ Confirm the change using the OTP sent to your preferred contact channel.

Language at the heart of inclusion in South Africa



Dr Keabaka Seshoka, CEO, PanSALB.

Language is not merely a tool for communication; it is a living archive of a people's history, identity and worldview. Through language, generations pass down knowledge, traditions and values, shaping how communities understand themselves and the world around them. Indigenous languages, in particular, carry deep cultural meaning – preserving

philosophies, spiritual beliefs and ways of life that cannot easily be translated or replaced.

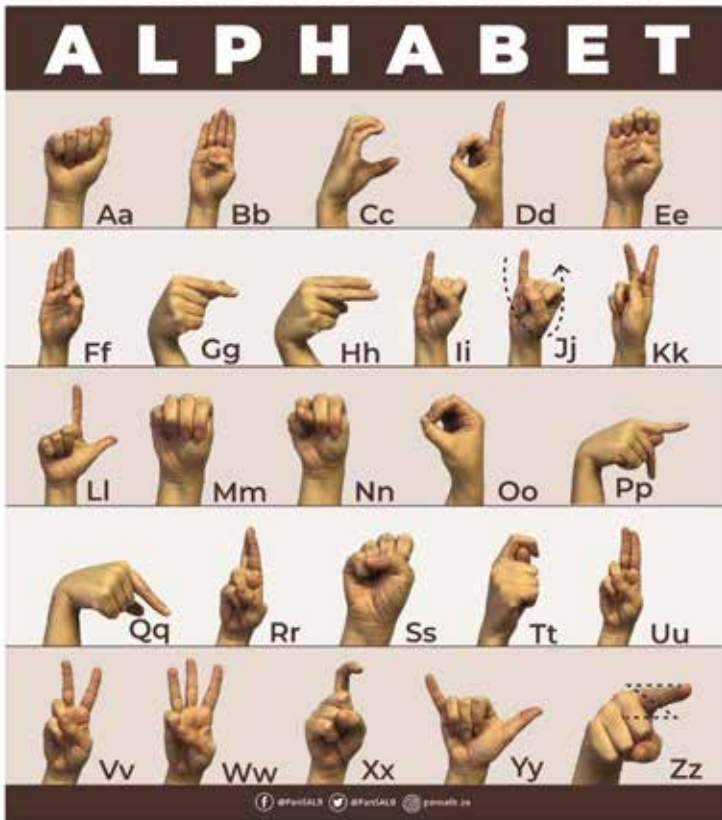
In South Africa, linguistic diversity is protected by the Constitution, which recognises 12 official languages and accords them equal status.

This constitutional commitment not only safeguards the country's rich cultural mosaic but also upholds every citizen's right to communicate and express themselves in the language of their choice. Institutions such as the Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) are central to advancing and protecting these linguistic rights.

Leading this important mandate is PanSALB's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, Dr Keabaka Seshoka, who is determined to strengthen the promotion and development of South Africa's languages.

Her vision is of a nation that embraces multilingualism as a tool for social cohesion, where citizens are encouraged to learn and speak all official languages to foster greater un-

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derstanding, respect and unity.

At the heart of Seshoka's vision is the belief that language should never be a barrier to opportunity. She envisions a South Africa where every language is valued, every voice is heard and no child is disadvantaged or excluded because of the language they speak.

"Let the future speak all our official languages. Let us create a South Africa where we treas-

ure, value, preserve and respect all our languages, and one that understands that multilingualism is a resource and not a problem," she said.

Culture and heritage

As a linguist and language activist, Seshoka firmly believes that all languages are equally important and deserve respect, as they are vital carriers of culture

and heritage. She also emphasises the interconnectedness of languages, noting their mutual intelligibility. For instance, speakers of Setswana can often understand Sesotho and Sepedi, while those who speak isiZulu can generally comprehend other Nguni languages such as isiSwati and isiXhosa.

Her deep passion for language has enabled her to develop broad linguistic abilities. She understands almost all of South Africa's official languages and speaks the majority of them fluently.

30 years of constitutional democracy and language

In commemorating the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, Seshoka emphasised that while the board has made significant progress in developing language policies over the past three decades, the focus must now shift towards effective implementation.

"Our country has progressive and well-crafted policies, but these require equally strong and practical implementation strategies," she explained. She said that she was particularly interested in how government departments and the private

sector gave effect to language policies in their day-to-day operations, adding that language equality remained central to the vision of a united and inclusive South Africa.

She added that the Constitution's recognition of all official languages is rooted in the principle that every community deserves dignity and acknowledgement. "When a language is marginalised, the people who speak it often feel excluded as well," she said.

Acknowledging that many people remain unaware of their linguistic rights, Seshoka reiterated that every South African should be able to access services, education, information and opportunities in a language they understand.

Bridging the gap between language policy and implementation

The CEO revealed that the board is strengthening mechanisms for accountability and monitoring compliance with language legislation and policies across both the public and private sectors. It is also reinforcing collaborations with government departments, municipalities, state-owned entities, educational institutions, traditional leaders, civil society

and the private sector to ensure effective implementation.

Seshoka acknowledged that many institutions still require support in adopting multilingual policies, and affirmed PanSALB's commitment to providing ongoing guidance, training and technical assistance to help them meet these requirements.

"A lot of private companies have come to the party. For example, when you go to the ATM you have options to choose a language that you understand, and some of the advertisements for our local products are done in our official languages," she explained.

However, Seshoka noted that PanSALB must continue to raise awareness, particularly within the private sector, to reinforce the importance of catering for the diverse South African market through inclusive language practices.

Modernising language through technology

In October 2025, PanSALB partnered with Google to launch an artificial intelligence (AI) glossary for isiZulu, isiXhosa and Afrikaans, equipping millions of South Africans with the language tools needed to engage with AI in their mother tongues.

The glossary provides definitions for 100 standard AI terms

in each of the three languages, making complex technological concepts more accessible and inclusive. This initiative forms part of a broader collaboration between Google and African partners aimed at advancing digital innovation while bridging the digital divide for millions of people who speak indigenous languages across the continent.

"The AI Glossary initiative represents a significant step forward in ensuring that South Africans can engage with emerging technologies in languages they understand. AI is shaping the future of education, business, governance and communication. If our indigenous languages are absent from these technological developments, millions of South Africans risk being excluded from the digital economy," Seshoka explained.

She added that the glossary plays a key role in making AI concepts more accessible by providing appropriate terminology in local languages. It also demonstrates that African languages are fully capable of expressing modern scientific and technological ideas.

"Our long-term vision is to ensure that all official languages are meaningfully represented within the digital and AI ecosystem. The future of multilingualism must include digital multilingualism," said Seshoka.



Rixaka rin'we, tindzimi tiningi
Sive sinye, tilwimi letinyenti
Setšhaba se le sengwe sa dipuo tse dintsi
Isizwe esinye, iilwimi ezininzi
One nation, many languages

Xitsonga isiZulu Setswana Afrikaans isiXhosa
 Sesotho South African Sign Language !Xuhnthali
 Khwedam isiNdebele Tshivenda
 Nama Siswati English Sesotho sa Leboa

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Isitjhaba sinye, amalimi amanengi
Setšhaba se tee sa dipolelo tše dintši
Lushaka luthihi, nyambo nnzhi
Setjhaba se seng, dipuo di ngata



Seshoka is a seasoned language practitioner, academic, researcher and leader with extensive experience in language policy, multilingualism, language planning and institutional transformation. She holds a degree in Information Science from the University of Pretoria, where she majored in languages, as well as Honours and Master's degrees in African Languages from Rhodes University.

In 2022, she was recognised as a Transformational Agent by North-West University, where she previously served as Director in the Language Directorate. In this role, she developed frameworks and structures aimed at advancing multilingualism within the institution.

She was further acknowledged by Sunday World as a Change Maker in 2023, for her work in advancing language development. In addition, she was recognised by the Department of Higher Education and Training as one of the emerging leaders in the sector.

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Trailblazing young teacher transforms school administration

When Sipho Manzini completed matric in 2007, he envisioned a life as a geologist. Growing up on a farm near White River in Mpumalanga, he never imagined that he would one day become an award-winning educator whose innovation would help transform the way teachers work in schools.

Today, the Mfuleni High School teacher is the developer of WebAdmin, an artificial intelligence-(AI) powered digital platform that is helping educators streamline administrative tasks, improve organisation and integrate technology into their daily work. His innovation earned him national recognition at the 2025 National Batho Pele and Innovation Awards, where he received the bronze award in the category of Innovations Harnessing Technology for Frontline Services. He also received the Special Ministerial Award –

Public Sector Trailblazers.

The awards, hosted by the Department of Public Service and Administration and the Centre for Public Service Innovation, recognise public servants who go beyond the call of duty to advance front-line service delivery through innovation, ethical conduct and dedication.

For Manzini, however, the journey to this achievement began far from the bright lights of the awards stage.

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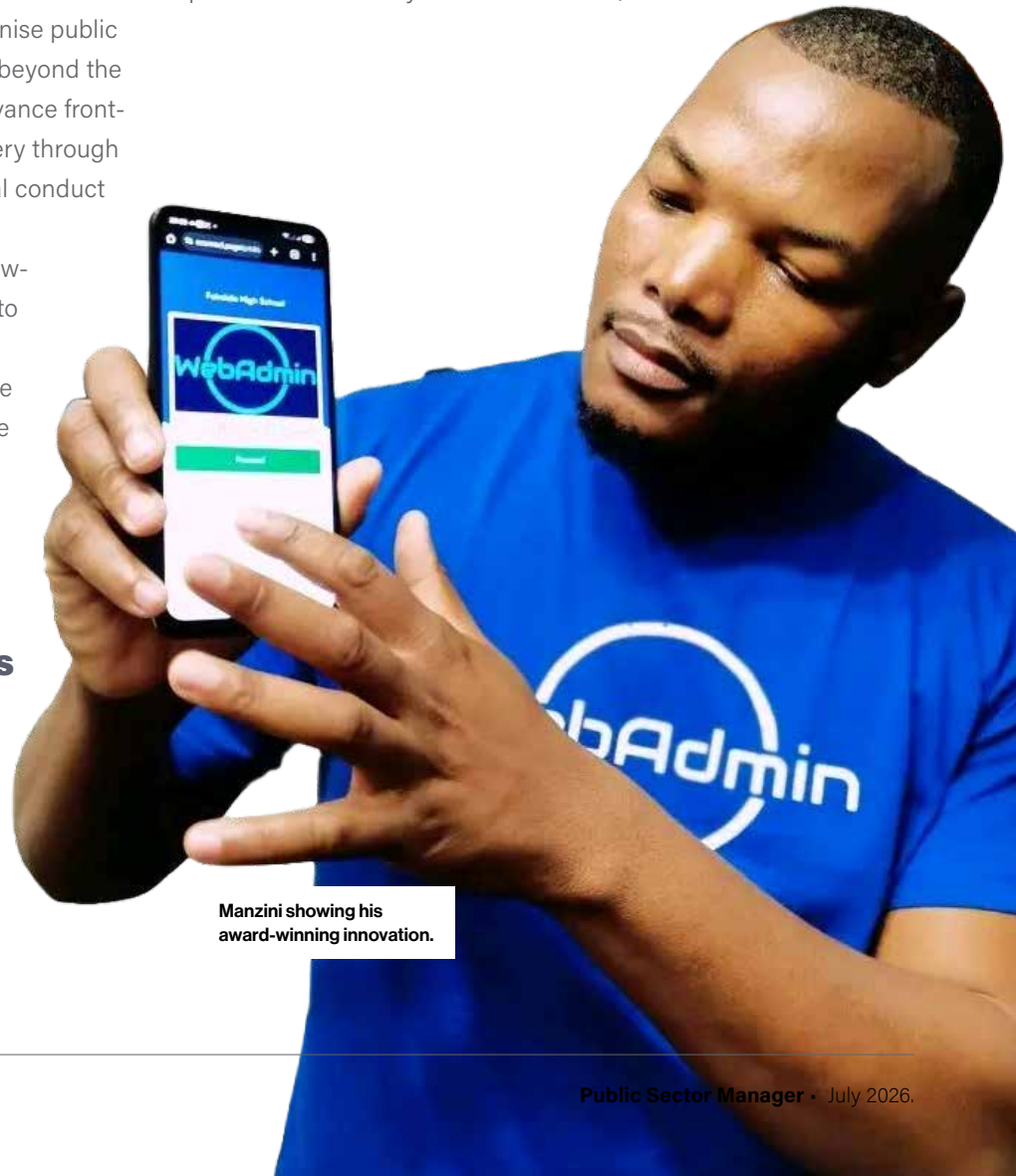
beginnings

Born and raised in Mbombela, he attended primary school on a farm, but because there was no nearby

high school, he had to relocate to the village of Mgaduzweni, situated between White River and Hazyview, where he completed his secondary educa-

tion.

After matriculating, he secured admission at Stellenbosch University in 2010, where he



Manzini showing his award-winning innovation.

pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in geology.

"In my final year, we had a programming module. I liked it and, after I graduated, I decided to take it further and explore the technology space," he recalls.

Although he graduated in 2016 with aspirations of becoming a geologist, the path ahead proved challenging. He had a short-lived stint working in the industry before attempting entrepreneurship, which ultimately did not succeed.

"I was advised that I could do a PGCE [Postgraduate Certificate in Education], which would allow me to become an educator."

In 2020, he enrolled in the PGCE – a decision that would ultimately change the course of his career. Two years later, he completed a postgraduate qualification in Business

Administration and entered the teaching profession.

His transition into education was eye-opening.

"The teaching journey has been very interesting. Every day I get to deal with the different personalities of teenagers. It is a different world to the one I was anticipating when I pursued my degree."

Outdated systems

What struck Manzini most was how little school administrative processes had changed over the years. The profession, he realised, still operated much as it had when he himself was a learner – with paper-heavy, manual systems that often made the work feel disorganised and difficult to manage. Rather than accept that as the norm, he saw an opportunity to use his technical skills to improve the way

schools functioned.

That realisation planted the seed for what would later become WebAdmin – a digital system that could bring greater structure and organisation to everyday school processes.

What started as a simple idea gradually evolved into a comprehensive solution. Drawing on the programming skills he had developed after university, Manzini spent nearly two years building the platform.

"It was not a fully fledged idea from the start. It was very small. It just kept growing and growing until I had a fully developed digital system."

Innovative solutions

The AI-powered platform gives educators access to digital workstations through their smartphones or laptops, making daily administrative

tasks far easier to manage. Integrated with a customised smart card – also developed by Manzini – the system allows teachers to handle class registers, staff attendance, learner activities and a range of other administrative functions from one central platform.

By reducing the school's reliance on paperwork, the platform has made administration more efficient, accessible and organised.

What began at Mfuleni High School has since grown into a wider district initiative. The platform is now being used in 13 schools across the Metro North District, with more than 250 teachers actively using it to improve teaching and streamline their workflow.

But despite its success, the journey has not been without obstacles.

According to Manzini, one of the biggest challenges has been encouraging educators to move away from long-established paper-based systems and embrace a new way of working.

"I may have developed the system, but on the ground it is very hard to get other schools to buy into it or make them understand that there might be a better alternative to paper".❖



Young PPP specialist building legacy in public service

For Yonwaba Mfengwana, success is not just about titles, prestige, or corporate boardrooms, but impact.

In her role as Deputy Director: Infrastructure Finance: Transaction Advisory Services and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) at Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC), she has the opportunity to leave an indelible mark.

A chartered accountant (CA (SA)) since 2021, the 35-year-old advises government on some of the country's most complex infrastructure and development projects. Her work straddles sectors such as local government, student accommodation developments, financial services transactions, housing finance reforms and strategic infrastructure programmes



linked to entities such as state-owned enterprises (SOEs).

In 2025, she was named among SAICA's 2025 Top 35-under-35 finalists, an honour she says came as a surprise.

Born and raised in the sprawling Cape Town townships of Khayelitsha and Dunoon, Mfengwana always knew she wanted to make a success of her life while observing the hustle of her neighbourhood and learning the resilience of her mother and grandmother.

"I was raised mostly by my grandmother. My mom was a public servant; she worked for DPSA [Department of Public Service and Administration] here in Pretoria. She later worked for a reform school in Worcester. She was always away during the week and back on weekends."

Entrepreneurial skills

That entrepreneurial instinct emerged early. Like many township children exposed to informal business culture daily, Mfengwana quickly learned to identify opportunity.

"One of the reasons I was very drawn to business is just how the township is – everyone is kind of hustling," she says.

"Even at an early age, my friends and I had our own salon doing people's hair. I stayed opposite a tavern, so I used to sell snacks and cigarettes."

"Even at an early age, my friends and I had our own salon doing people's hair. I stayed opposite a tavern, so I used to sell snacks and cigarettes. I do not think I was allowed to do that, but I did it. That was the demand," she chuckled.

Through education, she was able to turn ambition into possibility. Mfengwana attended Table View Primary and Table View High School thanks largely to the sacrifices of her grandmother, who worked as a domestic worker.

"One of the reasons I could go there is because my grandmother somehow managed to convince her employers to pay for my education," she says.

Those early years also cultivated a deep awareness of politics, governance and public service.

"We watched a lot of current affairs at home and debated it," she explained, adding that

her friends' siblings, who were at university at the time, would take them to political rallies and debates.

"So I was always aware of what was happening in the public sector and government, and that did intrigue me."

Inspiration

At one point, she even imagined herself becoming Minister of Education, inspired by the late anti-apartheid activist and former Minister Kader Asmal.

"I actually thought I could study to become a Minister of Education," she said with a laugh.

Sport also played an important role in shaping her journey. A talented netball player, Mfengwana earned a partial sports and academic scholarship to Stellenbosch University, where she studied accounting.

Yet university was not only an academic experience – it was

also politically formative.

"Stellenbosch was also a big influence on me – it is enough to radicalise anyone being there," she says candidly.

"Accounting back then was offered in Afrikaans. One of the first activism leadership roles that I did take was being at the forefront of changing the language policy, and then being involved in student leadership."

At university, she initially applied to study accounting and law but settled on the former.

"At registration, the girl I was sitting next to was registered for accounting, and that is how I registered for accounting instead of law," she recalls.

That choice would ultimately shape the rest of her career.

Joining the Public Service

Between 2014 and 2017, she worked as a real estate analyst at Shell before eventually decid-

ing to complete her articles at the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA).

Joining AGSA, she said, exposed her to the machinery of the State and some of South Africa's most influential public institutions.

"That is when my eyes opened to the public sector," she says.

But it was one particular audit that changed everything.

"What led me to infrastructure and development finance was the DBSA [Development Bank of Southern Africa] audit. That is where you saw what project finance is, what development finance is, the cool things and projects they are working on."

An investment officer at DBSA later encouraged her to pursue a Master's in Development Finance. Mfengwana took the advice and enrolled at Stellenbosch Business School, where she completed a Master of Philosophy in Development Finance between 2019 and 2021, focusing her dissertation on PPPs.

Growing through the ranks

Her growing expertise eventually led her to National Treasury, where she served as Deputy Director: Capacity Building from 2021 to 2022. There, she

focused heavily on municipal capacity building – experience that would later prove invaluable.

In January 2023, she was transferred to GTAC's PPP Unit.

Here, Mfengwana is part of a specialised advisory team helping government navigate large-scale infrastructure and transaction projects.

"We basically work with the department or municipality that wants to do a PPP."

Her work ranges from feasibility studies and procurement processes to financial modelling, stakeholder engagement and the structuring of complex transactions.

"It goes from anything technical, financial modelling, procurement to reviewing PPP agreements to making sure that the government entity is protected."

Her portfolio has included work linked to Transnet's rail and ports revitalisation efforts, advisory work for the National Housing Finance Corporation's transition towards becoming a housing development bank, and even infrastructure advisory work for the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

"It has been busy, hectic and stretching," she said of her tenure at the GTAC.

"But I feel like I am learning so much. These are tangible skills that I can use in the next five to 10 years."

A passion for service

She speaks passionately about seeing struggling municipalities improve services and gain confidence in delivering projects independently.

"When you go to a municipality that has been struggling with their electricity or energy, and when you leave people have stable energy and the staff are excited about the project and know how to implement projects on their own going forward – that just makes you, as a professional, much richer."

She says her SAICA recognition highlights a different vision of success for young professionals.

"It is not linked to just money or working for the Big Four firms. It is doing what you love and being able to make an impact."

She hopes her journey will encourage more young professionals to consider careers in public service and governance reform.

"We need to move beyond just being on the

sidelines and be involved in the decisions that are shaping the future," she says.

"To be able to do that at scale, we need to be involved in government and in the public sector, to be the policymakers, to be the ones who influence the kind of initiatives that are put in place." ❖



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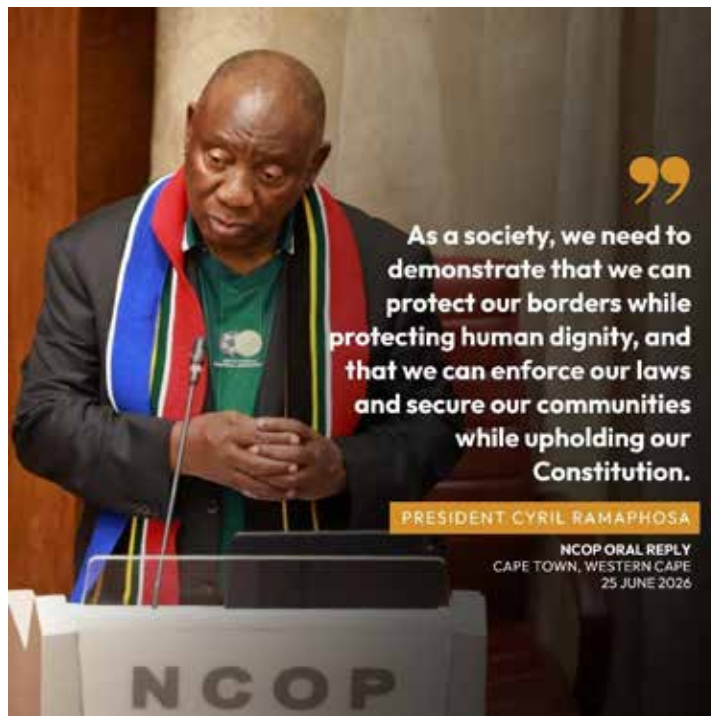
Protest is both a right and a responsibility

Tomorrow, 30 June, marks the date that several groupings have identified for protests against undocumented immigration in South Africa.

South Africans have raised deep concerns about illegal immigration, border management, pressure on public services, criminal syndicates that exploit our immigration system and the impact these challenges have on communities. These concerns are real and they deserve to be heard.

The right to protest is enshrined in our Constitution. It is a credit to our robust democratic order that people are able to express their grievances openly. But the right to protest and freedom of expression does not allow people to threaten or intimidate others, or to engage in acts of vandalism or violence.

South Africa is a constitutional republic governed by the rule of law. The exercise of rights by any



citizen in a constitutional democracy cannot be determined by intimidation, threats or ultimatums. It must be determined through democratic institutions, evidence and the rule of law.

What we should seek as citizens and as a society is to

work together to address the legitimate concerns that many South Africans have raised. Government has a responsibility not only to listen to these concerns but to respond with effective action. Citizens have a responsibility to pursue change peacefully

and within the framework of our Constitution.

Government has accepted that our immigration system requires substantial reform. We are strengthening border management, increasing enforcement against undocumented immigration, improving the integrity of the asylum and visa systems, and taking action against corruption that has weakened immigration control.

We also recognise that where our systems have failed, they must be corrected. Where corruption has enabled illegal immigration, those responsible must be held accountable. Where enforcement has been inadequate, it must improve.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen support for these measures and for government's stance from across society. We have held meetings with the country's traditional monarchs and other traditional and Khoi-

San leaders, with trade union and business leaders, with the religious community and with other formations in society.

Freedom comes with responsibility. The right to protest is one of the defining freedoms of our democracy, but every right carries corresponding responsibilities. Those who intend to protest should do so peacefully, lawfully and with respect for the rights, dignity and safety of others.

Where there is criminal conduct, those responsible will be held accountable and the law will take its course. We must reject the idea that acts of violence or intimidation are justified on the basis of a grievance, for political reasons, or because those who commit such acts claim they were somehow provoked.

Some foreign nationals who live in South Africa are here lawfully. They work, study, raise families, invest in our economy and contribute positively to our society. They too are entitled to the protection of our laws and our Constitution.

We welcome the assurances by some of the organisers of the planned protests that they stand against violence on the part of their supporters. They will be held to this undertaking, because no cause, no mat-

ter how legitimate, will be an excuse to shift responsibility for violent acts.

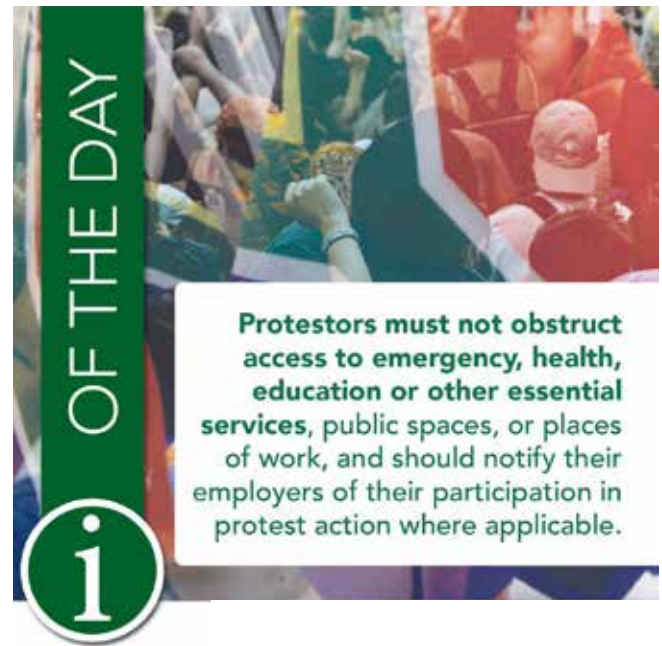
We further welcome the support received from traditional, religious and community leaders, from business, labour and civil society organisations that have called for tolerance and respect for the rule of law.

Achieving a legitimate end does not justify unlawful means, whether it is reform of the country's immigration frameworks or better service delivery.

The painful history of the pass laws reminds us why the authority to demand identification and enforce immigration laws belongs to government law-enforcement officers acting within the Constitution – not to private individuals. Whatever the motivation, taking the law into one's own hands is vigilantism and has no place in our constitutional democracy.

This is a betrayal of the very constitutional order those who commit such acts claim to be defending. It is vigilantism thinly disguised in the language of patriotism.

We must never allow ourselves to return to that painful chapter of our history where people were stopped on the street, had their physical identities scrutinised, and their right to move freely in the country



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hindered by suspicion and humiliation.

Our country's law-enforcement authorities stand ready in defence of the rule of law. Let us work together to keep communities, businesses and individuals safe, all the while protecting people's right to protest.

Throughout our history we have overcome difficult mo-

ments not through fear or division, but by choosing law over lawlessness, dialogue over confrontation and justice over vengeance. Let us once again choose that path. Let us protect both our borders and our Constitution, both our security and our humanity. We are capable of doing both, and we must.

***This message was first published on 29 June 2026.**

DSTI launches

National Science Month to place innovation at the heart of South Africa's future



Since 2000, the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) has implemented National Science Week (NSW) as the country's premier science engagement programme. Over more than two decades, NSW has made important progress in advancing our country's Sci-

ence Engagement Strategy.

However, because science, technology and innovation are increasingly central to addressing the complex challenges facing our world today, we believe South Africa needs a broader and more sustained science engagement programme.

We view science as more than a driver of discovery. It is also a powerful engine of economic transformation, industrialisation and national competitiveness. Around the world, countries that have successfully advanced to

high-income status have done so by placing science, research and innovation at the centre of government policy, industry and education.

South Africa has world-class scientists and globally recognised research institutions. Yet our investment in research and development remains stubbornly low, at approximately 0.61% of the gross domestic product (GDP).

This level of investment is significantly below the National Development Plan target of 1.5% and far behind leading innovation economies. South Korea invests more than 4.5% of GDP, Israel invests more than 5% and the OECD average is about 2.7%.

It is for this reason that the DSTI adopted a new mantra: "Placing Science, Technology



A composite of the radio bubbles and the MeerKAT telescope.

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the theme; Science, Technology and Innovation are for Everyone. Through this theme, we seek to communicate that science, technology and innovation belong to all people, regardless of ethnicity, class, gender, belief or location and that they must serve society as a whole.

Setting the tone

The launch is setting the tone for a comprehensive, month-long programme of meaningful public engagement with science. It includes an exciting science exhibition comprising 132 stands and more than 100 exhibitors from participating institutions and partners.

Participating institutions include the Vaal University of Technology (VUT), the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Johannesburg, the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the University of Cape Town, North-West University, the University of Limpopo, Stellenbosch University, the University of Venda, Tshwane University of Technology, Durban University of Technology, Mangosuthu University of Technology, Sol Plaatje University and Nelson Mandela University.

The DSTI entities such as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the National Research Foundation, the Tech-



Month as an expanded, more inclusive platform for public engagement with science.

Objectives of National Science Month

Through National Science Month, we seek to:

- demonstrate the power of science as a tool for understanding the natural and social world;
- create and harness new technologies to resolve societal challenges such as social inequality, social justice and ecological sustainability;
- promote informed decision-making and public access to scientific knowledge; and
- Instil a culture of deliberate knowledge exchange between scientists and the public.

Informed by these objectives, the launch takes place under

and Innovation at the Centre of Government, Education, Industry and Society.”

The mantra reminds us that fulfilling this responsibility cannot be business as usual. We must significantly raise public awareness of the value of

science in everyday life, while elevating science, technology and innovation as key drivers of South Africa's socio-economic development.

It is against this background that the department decided to introduce National Science

nology Innovation Agency, the South African National Space Agency (SANSA), the Academy of Science of South Africa and the South African Council for Natural and Scientific Professions are also part of the exhibitors and will also host science engagement programmes throughout the month.

A range of themes

A key feature of this inaugural edition of National Science Month is its broad range of

themes, including technology and innovation, health, environmental management, service delivery, education, journalism, human rights, climate change, space science, decolonising knowledge systems, science diplomacy, decision-making, public awareness of research institutions and youth engagement.

South Africa's science story

During the month of July, we must tell the public about the groundbreaking and transformative work we are doing in space science and astronomy through some of our country's mega-science projects such as the Square Kilometre Array and the Southern African Large Telescope.

We must also tell the public about the contributions of some of our country's most advanced scientific infrastructure platforms, including iThemba LABS in the Western Cape – the largest particle accelerator-based science facility in the Southern

Hemisphere, generating radioactive isotopes for medicine and conducting materials research.

Another example of our country's world-class science infrastructure is the SANSA Space Weather Centre in Hermanus, Western Cape. It is Africa's only 24/7 operational regional space weather warning centre. This state-of-the-art facility monitors solar activity and provides early warnings and forecasts to protect vital ground- and space-based technologies across the continent.

Inspiring the next generation of scientists

We must also use National Science Month to inspire our learners and young people to pursue careers in science, technology and innovation with confidence.

By doing so, we can help South Africa develop more scientists, researchers and innovators in the fields that are most critical to our country's future growth and development.

Our young people must

know about the work of Professor Mashudu Tshifularo and his team at the University of Pretoria, who pioneered the use of 3D-printed titanium implants to reconstruct the broken bones of the middle ear and restore a patient's hearing.

Another example is Dr Sandile Ngcobo, who invented the world's first digital laser at the CSIR. This breakthrough enabled researchers to digitally control the shape of a laser beam on a computer, rather than by manually adjusting physical mirrors.

Drawing from these breathtaking examples of South Africa's science, technology and innovation capabilities, my message to the learners here today is simple: your dreams are valid. You must never allow anyone to tell you that you cannot become a scientist.

Let us join hands in taking the message of science to every town and village in our country. Let us tell every community that science, technology and innovation are for everyone. ❖



***This is part of a message delivered by the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Dr Nomalungelo Gina, at the launch of the inaugural National Science Month at VUT on 4 July 2026.**



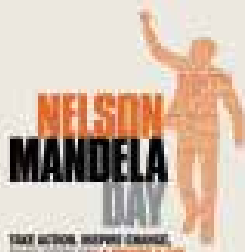
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More than a train, a journey that continues to shape Gauteng

Sixteen years after its launch on 8 June 2010, the Gautrain has become far more than the rapid rail system that first captured the world's attention ahead of the FIFA World Cup. What began as a bold infrastructure project has evolved into a central part of life in Gauteng, connecting millions of people to work, education, business, leisure and opportunity.





Today, the Gautrain marks a significant milestone, with more than 216 million passenger trips since its inception.

The numbers tell an impressive story. The Gautrain's 80-kilometre rail network and 10 stations, supported by an integrated bus and midibus feeder system, continue to move thousands of passengers daily across Gauteng, one of Africa's busiest economic hubs. Yet the true measure of its success lies not only in passenger volumes, but in how it has adapted to the changing mobility needs of the province over the past 16 years.

What was initially conceived as a world-class rapid rail service has evolved into a broader mobility and convenience ecosystem. Innovations such as smart Driver's

Licence Testing Centres at selected stations and pioneering partnerships with the minibus taxi industry through the Gautrain Midibus Service have expanded the Gautrain's role beyond rail transport, creating a more seamless and integrated travel experience for passengers.

Safe reliable transport

This evolution reflects a broader shift in how mobility is understood. Increasingly, transport is not simply about moving people from one place to another; it is about connecting journeys, services and everyday experiences. In this regard, the Gautrain continues to play an important role in shaping how people move through, and engage with, Gauteng.

Along the way, Gautrain has challenged some of the misconceptions that surrounded the project in its early years. One of the most persistent was the belief that the service would only cater to a narrow segment of society.

Today, Gautrain's passenger base is remarkably diverse. On any given day, professionals travel alongside students, pensioners, tourists, families attending events and passengers heading to OR Tambo International Airport. What unites them is a shared expectation of safe, reliable and efficient transport.

Leaving no one behind

That commitment to accessibility has become increasingly important. Just over a year ago, Gautrain introduced

the KlevaMova affordability product, offering qualifying passengers a 50% discount on train fares. The programme supports households earning R350 000 or less annually, as well as scholars, pensioners and SASSA disability grant recipients.

The response has been significant. KlevaMova now accounts for approximately 11% of all Gautrain passenger trips, highlighting strong demand for affordable public transport options.

Innovative solutions

The system's journey has not been without challenges.

Like transport networks around the world, the Gautrain faced its greatest test during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ridership declined dramatically

as people isolated, services were temporarily sus-pended due to lockdown restrictions, and long-established commuting patterns changed almost overnight.

Even after restrictions were lifted, hybrid and remote working models continued to reshape travel behaviour. Traditional weekday commuting could no longer be taken for granted.

Yet the disruption also accelerated innovation. Gautrain broadened its focus beyond business travel, actively catering to leisure travellers, tourists, concert-goers and sports fans. The experience reinforced the importance of resilience, agility and a customer-centric approach to evolving mobility needs.

Attracting investment

The impact of Gautrain extends beyond mobility. Over the years, stations have helped stimulate transit-oriented development and investment in surrounding precincts.

Rosebank provides one of the clearest examples. The area has evolved into a thriving mixed-use district, attracting commercial investment, residential growth and public infrastructure improvements. Similar development patterns can be seen

around several Gautrain stations, where reliable public transport has enhanced the attractiveness of surrounding areas for businesses, residents and investors.

For many passengers, however, the value of Gautrain is deeply personal.

While saving time and avoiding traffic remain important benefits, many commuters speak about something less tangible: the experience itself. Time spent reading, working, listening to music or simply enjoying a predictable journey has become a valued part of daily life.

Every trip carries a story. A graduate travelling to a job inter-

view. A student heading to class. A parent commuting to work. A grandparent visiting family. An entrepreneur pursuing a new opportunity.

These everyday journeys are what give meaning to Gautrain's 216 million trips.

One-stop mobility and lifestyle platform

In its next chapter, Gautrain aims to be recognised not only as a rail service, but as Gauteng's one-stop mobility and lifestyle platform – a gateway connecting people to transport, services, business, retail, entertainment

and opportunity.

As Gautrain Management Agency Board Chairperson, Professor Mfanelo Ntsohi, notes, Gautrain remains "a lasting legacy of what South Africa can achieve when it invests boldly in infrastructure that serves people for generations."

Sixteen years on, Gautrain's story is still being written. Behind every trip is a person, a purpose and a destination. As Gauteng continues to grow and evolve, Gautrain remains committed to connecting people to opportunity and ensuring that every journey matters. ❖



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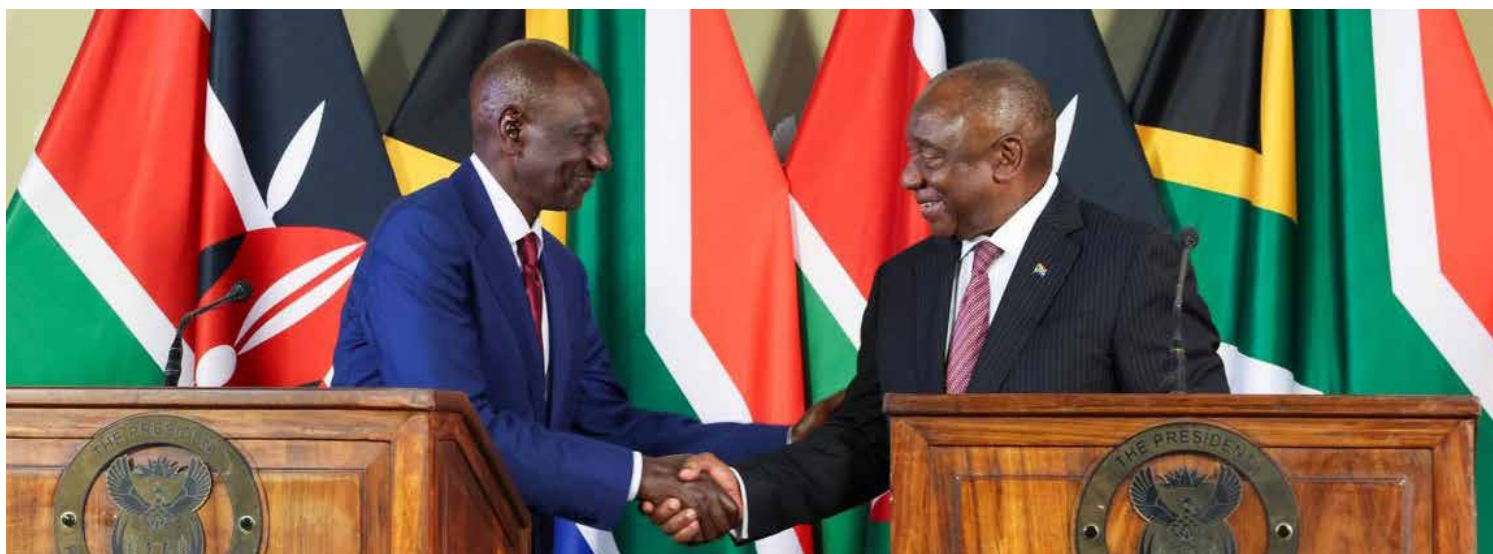
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Kenya State Visit deepens strategic partnership and advances Africa's development agenda

The recent State Visit by Kenyan President William Ruto to South Africa was more than a routine diplomatic engagement between two of Africa's most influential economies. It marked a moment of renewed ambition, signalling a shared commitment to deeper continental integration, accelerated economic transformation and a stronger African voice in global affairs.

Hosted by President Cyril Ramaphosa at the Union Buildings in Tshwane, the visit carried both symbolic and strategic weight. It reaffirmed long-standing ties between South Africa and Kenya while laying the groundwork for expanded cooperation in trade, infrastructure, skills development, governance and regional integration.

Addressing the media after official talks, President Ramaphosa underscored the depth of the partnership, describing Kenya as one of South Africa's most important strategic partners in East Africa and on the continent more broadly.

"Our countries enjoy long-standing ties of friendship, solidarity and cooperation." These

ties are rooted in our shared history, our common aspirations for African development and our mutual commitment to peace, democracy, regional integration and multilateralism," he said.

Deeper collaboration

The visit culminated in the signing of six Memoranda of Understanding, covering areas

as diverse as trade, maritime cooperation, women's empowerment, technical and vocational education and training, arts and culture, and sports and recreation. Collectively, the agreements establish a formal framework for closer cooperation and are expected to deepen collaboration between public institutions, businesses, and citizens in both countries.

At the centre of the discussions was the steadily growing economic partnership between South Africa and Kenya. President Ramaphosa noted that Kenya remains South Africa's largest trading partner in East Africa and an important destination for South African investment, underscoring the strategic value of the relationship.

That economic partnership is already visible in the expanding footprint of South African companies in Kenya. Businesses from South Africa have established a presence across a range of sectors, including financial services, information and communications technology, retail, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, and infrastructure development. At the same time, Kenyan businesses are increasingly extending their reach into South Africa, reinforcing commercial ties between East and South-

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ern Africa and illustrating the growing interdependence of the continent's regional economies.

Inclusive development

The leaders also turned their attention to the opportunities presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which both South Africa and Kenya regard as a powerful instrument for unlocking growth, advancing industrialisation, and strengthening intra-African trade.

President Ramaphosa said he and President Ruto were aligned on the need for the AfCFTA to drive inclusive development. "President Ruto and I agreed that the AfCFTA must serve as a catalyst for inclusive growth, industrialisation and job creation," President Ramaphosa said. "It should facilitate the development of regional value chains, support African manufacturing and create greater opportuni-

ties for young people, women and entrepreneurs across our continent."

Beyond the bilateral agenda, the visit also offered the two countries a platform to advance shared continental priorities. Both leaders highlighted the importance of reforming global governance institutions so that they better reflect present-day realities, with particular emphasis on the United Nations Security Council, where Africa continues to push for permanent representation.

Global participation

The two leaders also welcomed Africa's growing influence in global decision-making forums. The African Union's (AU) inclusion in the G20 was highlighted as a significant breakthrough, creating new opportunities for the continent's priorities to be heard and advanced on the world stage. South Africa's

leadership role within the G20 was commended, while Kenya expressed its support for amplifying African concerns through engagement with the G7 and other international platforms.

The discussions also turned inward, focusing on the need to strengthen the AU. Both countries agreed that the AU must become more effective, responsive and financially sustainable if it is to meet the continent's growing expectations. Central to this vision is the need for African nations to finance their own institutions, reducing dependency on external support and reinforcing African ownership of the continent's development agenda.

Another significant theme to emerge from the visit was the urgent need to mobilise development finance for Africa's infrastructure ambitions. The leaders raised concern that trillions of dollars held by development finance institutions globally are

not being channelled adequately into transformative projects on the continent.

Economic growth and regional integration

Kenya's ambitious plans to generate 10 000 megawatts of electricity and expand its transport network through the construction of new highways were identified as examples of investment-ready projects with the potential to drive economic growth and deepen regional integration. South African development finance institutions, alongside private sector investors, are already playing an increasing role in such initiatives, particularly in the areas of renewable energy and infrastructure development.

Energy security also featured prominently in the discussions. Against a backdrop of volatility in global fuel markets, driven in part by geopolitical tensions, the two leaders explored ways to strengthen Africa's energy resilience. Kenya's plans to invest in an East African refinery were highlighted as part of wider efforts to bolster regional energy security, reduce dependence on external supply chains and build a more self-sufficient energy future for the continent.



Health security

Health security and pandemic preparedness emerged as another important pillar of the dialogue. With Ebola outbreaks affecting parts of East Africa, Kenya outlined a range of measures aimed at protecting public health, including daily screening at ports of entry, the establishment of quarantine facilities and strengthened emergency response systems. The discussion underscored the growing recognition that regional cooperation in health is essential not only for safeguarding lives, but also for protecting economic stability and development gains.

President Ramaphosa announced South Africa's contribution of US\$2.5 million towards efforts to combat Ebola in the region, underscoring the spirit of continental solidarity needed to respond effectively to public health emergencies.

The leaders also discussed regional peace and security

challenges, including developments in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where many Kenyan citizens are currently based. Kenya confirmed that contingency measures are in place to protect its nationals and respond swiftly to any potential emergencies, reflecting the seriousness with which both countries view instability in the region.

As the visit drew to a close, Presidents Ramaphosa and Ruto reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing peace, democracy, accountability and inclusive development across the continent.

President Ramaphosa praised Kenya's role as a gateway to East Africa and as an influential voice on questions of peace, security, and development. He also congratulated Kenya on its selection, alongside Uganda and Tanzania, to host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations, describing the achievement as "a proud

and historic moment for East Africa."

Ultimately, the State Visit demonstrated how strategic partnerships between African nations can be harnessed to advance both national interests and continental priorities. More than a diplomatic exchange, it reflected the shared ambition of South Africa and Kenya to help build a prosperous, integrated and self-reliant Africa. ❖



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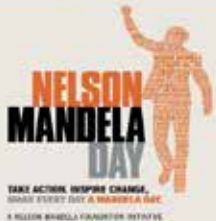
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Drape yourself in **ANUNES** this winter



As South Africa marks Nelson Mandela Month, a time to reflect on legacy, purpose and the power of enduring impact, *Public Sector Manager* magazine turns its gaze to fashion that speaks with equal boldness and intention. In this edition, the spotlight falls on Ana Nunes, whose contemporary label, ANUNES, is redefining modern style through an avant-garde lens.

With a design aesthetic that is daring, sculptural and unmistakably refined, Nunes brings a fresh

vision to the fashion landscape – one that celebrates individuality, confidence and artistic expression. Her work captures the transformative power of style, not merely as adornment, but as a statement of identity and presence.

Through a curated selection of ANUNES pieces, this edition showcases fashion that is both striking and sophisticated – a tribute to creativity, elegance and the courage to stand apart.

Cream pintuck structured set

This look explores clean structure and understated elegance. Featuring a structured jacket with pintuck detailing and wide-leg trousers, this piece offers a modern interpretation of classic menswear, balancing sophistication, comfort and versatility.

- **Jacket:** R4 500
- **Wide-leg trousers:** R3 000
- **Full Set:** R7 500



Grey crochet layered look

This look celebrates craftsmanship and texture through a handmade crochet vest paired with classic tailoring. The layered combination creates a contemporary menswear look that balances comfort, versatility and refined style.

- Handmade crochet vest: R4 000
- Classic shirt: R1800
- Necktie: R400
- Wide-leg trousers: R2 500
- Full set: R8 700

Maroon pintuck detail suit

Designed to make a confident statement, this look combines classic tailoring with distinctive detailing. The rich maroon colour, textured pintuck elements and handmade scarf create a sophisticated ensemble that celebrates individuality and modern elegance.

- Maroon pintuck detail blazer: R5 500
- Pintuck detail trousers: R3 000
- Handmade scarf: R1 200
- Full set: R9 700



* Prices correct at the time of publishing.



About the designer

Ana Nunes is an emerging fashion designer who recently completed her Honours degree in Fashion at the STADIO School of Fashion. Shaped by her heritage and South Africa's dynamic fashion scene, her work reflects a strong appreciation for craftsmanship, creativity and innovation.

Inspired by her mother and grandmother, who made clothing, Ana developed an early passion for design that led her to establish ANUNES.

Her brand is known for sculptural silhouettes, thoughtful detailing and a contemporary approach that balances artistic expression with wearability. Through ANUNES, Ana hopes to contribute to the growth of contemporary African fashion while celebrating individuality and showcasing African creativity on a global stage.

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Sous Chef Karabo Molatsana's signature Seafood Di Maria recipe

Sous **Chef Karabo Molatsana** brings refined flavour to the table with his signature dish, Seafood Di Maria – an elegant seafood pasta wrapped in the richness of authentic Napolitana sauce. Delicate yet vibrant, the dish marries the sweetness of ripe tomatoes with the briny freshness of the ocean, resulting in a plate that is both sophisticated and deeply satisfying.

Made to serve four, the dish is best enjoyed with a crisply chilled Chardonnay Pinot Noir blend, bringing brightness, freshness and a delicate fruit lift to every bite. Currently working at The Maslow Hotel Sandton, Molatsana regards seafood as one of the

most challenging ingredients to master, describing it as incredibly unforgiving and requiring a high level of intuition and technical skill to perfect every time.

For Molatsana, excellence begins long before the first plate leaves the pass. In the rhythm of a high-volume kitchen,

he believes success is 90% preparation, guided by the timeless French principle of *mise en place* – everything in its place – a philosophy that underpins his disciplined, thoughtful approach to cooking.



Seafood Di Maria

Ingredients

Seafood and pasta:

- ⦿ 500 g *linguine* or *fettuccine*
- ⦿ 250 g prawns, peeled and deveined
- ⦿ 250 g calamari rings, cleaned.
- ⦿ 500 g fresh mussels, scrubbed and de-bearded

Napolitana-Di Maria Sauce:

- ⦿ 400 g canned crushed tomatoes (or high-quality passata)
- ⦿ 60 g unsalted butter
- ⦿ 30 ml extra virgin olive oil
- ⦿ 25 g garlic, finely minced
- ⦿ 120 ml dry white wine
- ⦿ 60 ml heavy cream
- ⦿ 10 g fresh basil, torn (for the Napolitana base)
- ⦿ 15 g fresh parsley, chopped
- ⦿ 3 g red pepper flakes
- ⦿ Salt and black pepper to taste

Method:

- ⦿ Boil 500 g of pasta in salted water until al dente. Reserve 100 ml of pasta water before draining.
- ⦿ In a large, deep skillet, heat 15 ml of olive oil. Sear the prawns and calamari for about 2 minutes. Remove and set aside.
- ⦿ In the same skillet, add the

white wine and the mussels. Cover and steam for 3 to 4 minutes until they open. Use a slotted spoon to remove the mussels and set them aside with the prawns. Discard any that do not open. Keep the wine-mussel liquid in the pan.

- ⦿ Add the remaining olive oil and minced garlic to the wine liquid in the skillet. Sauté for 1 minute. Pour in the crushed tomatoes and the torn basil. Simmer on medium-low for 8 to 10 minutes until the sauce thickens and the tomato acidity mellows.
- ⦿ Stir in the butter and the cream. Whisk gently until the sauce turns a creamy orange-red. Season with salt, pepper and red pepper flakes.
- ⦿ Add the cooked pasta to the sauce. Toss well to coat every strand. If the sauce is too thick, add a splash of the reserved pasta water.
- ⦿ Fold the prawns, calamari, and mussels (and any juices they have released) back into the sauce. Heat for 1 minute just to warm the seafood through.
- ⦿ Garnish with fresh parsley and a drizzle of olive oil. ❖



About the Chef

Karabo Molatsana has been part of The Maslow Hotel Sandton for nine months and brings to the kitchen a career shaped by ambition, discipline and an impressive rise through the culinary ranks. Before entering the food industry, Molatsana worked in Financial Accounting, later pursuing his passion for cooking and earning a National Diploma in Culinary Arts from the Capital Hotel School.

His culinary journey began at Riverside Sun as a commis chef, before he was headhunted to help open Kream at Mall of Africa as a Junior Sous Chef. He later joined Gemelli, where he rose through the ranks to become Executive Sous Chef. In the years following the shifts brought on by COVID-19, Molatsana moved into private cheffing and went on to hold leadership roles as Head Chef for the Empact Group, Six33 Country Clubhouse, and Fireroom Montecasino.

For more of his work, follow the Maslow Hotel Sandton:
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Dinokeng Game Reserve at the centre of job creation and ecotourism

Dinokeng Game Reserve – Gauteng's first and only free-roaming Big Five reserve – is more than a conservation success story. It is a powerful example of economic inclusion, pioneering land use and a tourism model that actively creates jobs and opportunities for surrounding communities.

Located in the northeastern reaches of Tshwane, Dinokeng

offers an unexpectedly immersive safari experience, one that feels worlds away from the city despite its close proximity.

This reporter was among delegates who recently attended the Meeting Dinokeng Showcase, a two-day event hosted by the Gauteng Department of Environment in partnership with the City of Tshwane and other stakeholders.

The showcase brought together delegates from over 40 countries, including Peru, China, Lithuania, Ghana, Japan, Malaysia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Liberia.

Delegates were divided into two groups: one explored nearby attractions such as the scenic Roodeplaas Dam and the historic Cullinan Diamond Mine, while the other immersed itself in the

raw beauty of the reserve, experiencing firsthand what nature has to offer.

After driving a group through the bush, Sally Pale – one of only four women among the reserve's 20 nature guides – shared how Dinokeng had transformed her life. A resident of Kekana Gardens in nearby Hammanskraal, Pale previously worked as a retail cashier.





"In 2023, I was one of the two individuals trained by the game reserve to become qualified tour guides. The training included an examination administered by the Field Guide Association of Southern Africa. I passed the examination and I now hold a globally recognised qualification in wildlife and ecotourism," she explained.

She soon began working as a guide at the reserve and says she enjoys connecting visitors with nature, watching them leave each game drive with new knowledge and memorable experiences.

"Dinokeng Game Reserve plays a big role in creating job opportunities for locals, espe-

cially the youth like me," she added.

Flagship ecotourism project

Dinokeng Game Reserve is also recognised as one of Gauteng's flagship ecotourism projects. Established in 2011, it is the result of a public-private partnership between the Gauteng Provincial Government and private landowners.

While the reserve is responsible for wildlife conservation and environmental management, private landowners contribute by offering a diverse range of accommodation options.

The reserve has made a significant socio-economic

impact, creating more than 700 direct jobs and thousands more indirectly. Spanning roughly 22 000 hectares, it is home to more than 80 lodges and tented camps.

The reserve forms part of the broader Dinokeng-Roodeplaats-Cullinan tourism hub, an initiative aimed at diversifying Gauteng's tourism offering beyond its traditional focus on business travel and retail experiences.

Addressing delegates at the Meeting Dinokeng Showcase, Gauteng MEC for Environment Ewan Botha said the initiative goes beyond tourism, positioning Dinokeng as a practical model of partnership.

"In the 2024/25 Financial Year,

108 314 visitors came through this reserve, generating R16 million in tourism revenue. Our vision is to double that number by 2030, so that we can create more job opportunities. We are in the process of expanding the reserve from 22 000 hectares to 40 000 hectares," explained the MEC.

He added that in 2024 alone, Gauteng received 3.8 million international visitors, generating R41.3 billion in tourism revenue for the province. Gauteng captured 42.6% of all international visitors who entered South Africa that year, with Dinokeng contributing to this performance.

Gauteng MEC for Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Development, Vuyiswa Ramokgopa, also delivered a message of support, describing the game reserve as one of the many jewels in Gauteng's crown.

"It is imperative that we invest in this facility so that we can achieve our goal of increasing tourism revenue and job creation opportunities in the province."

Selling SA tourism to the world

Speaking on the sidelines of the visit to the game reserve, Malaysia's High Commissioner to South Africa, Dato' Yubazlan Haji Yusof, said this was his



first outdoor event in Gauteng since arriving in the province at the end of 2025.

What stood out for him was how the public-private partnership has delivered strong results that ultimately benefit local communities. Having served in several countries over the years, he ranked South Africa among the most beautiful countries in the world, citing its diverse landscapes and wide range of tourist attractions.

The visit to Dinokeng was particularly exciting for him, as it coincided with Visit Malaysia 2026 – a campaign that showcases the best of what Malaysia has to offer to the world through a year of events and tourism experiences

Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in South Africa, Xie Yongjun, described

Dinokeng as one of the country's jewels, highlighting his memorable experience of witnessing a rhino dehorning and GPS tracking process.

He added that China and South Africa share an all-round strategic partnership, built on a unique relationship rooted in mutual trust.

"We have prospering and promising economic exchanges. South Africa is number one trade partner in Africa, and from May 2026, we are implementing zero-tariffs for all South African exports to China. 2026 is also a year of people to people exchange for South Africa and China. In 2025, although the two countries are oceans apart, I learned that 38 000 Chinese tourists found their way to South Africa, which is a steady increase compared to the previous years," he explained. ❖



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