

# PSC TODAY

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SINGAPORE AND KENYA

As part of stakeholder engagement, the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (PSC) Professor Somadoda Fikeni together with Professor Mandla Makhanya held a bilateral meeting with the High Commissioner of Singapore to South Africa, His Excellency Mr Zainal Mantaha and the Political Secretary of the Singapore High Commission, Mr Nathanael Lee, in Pretoria.



The purpose of the meeting was to request the Embassy to join the efforts of building state capacity by collaborating with the PSC on programmes and projects of mutual interest, amongst others. Professor Fikeni mentioned that Singapore is one of the leading countries when it comes to technology. The country is also known to excel in the area of good governance. The partnership that the PSC would like to forge with Singapore will enable the Commission to benefit from Singapore's training programmes. It will also contribute towards the professionalization of the Public Service.



His Excellency Mr Zainal Mantaha mentioned that the professionalization of the Public Service is equally important to Singapore and that the partnership with the PSC will improve governance in the Public Service.



**In other news**, Professor Somadoda Fikeni together with Professor Mandla Makhanya met with the High Commission of Kenya to South Africa, Her Excellency Ms Jane Ndurumo on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 in Pretoria. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the PSC and its work to the High Commissioner of Kenya and to request assistance in connecting the PSC with like-minded institutions in Kenya, with the view to collaborate and exchange best practices.



On Tuesday, 21 May 2024, the Caretaker Commissioner in the Free State, Ms Nancy Ngwenya, met with Mr Godfrey Mahlatsi (Head of Department of Health) and Ms Mosa Masimene (Head of Department of Human Settlement) in Bloemfontein. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following amongst others:

- the oversight mandate of the PSC;
- the investigation of complaints and grievances lodged with the PSC;
- submission of information requested by the PSC;
- implementation of the recommendations of the PSC;
- summons in terms of section 10(2) of the PSC Act;
- the PSC Bill, 2023; and
- the professionalisation of the Public Service.

The HoDs shared their experiences regarding the oversight role of the PSC, the strategies that they have put in place to turn around their departments and improve efficiency, and measures that they will put in place to ensure that the work of the PSC is supported by their respective departments. The meeting was also attended by senior managers from the two departments including officials from the PSC.

