

PSC TODAY

MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



As part of strengthening stakeholder relations, the Public Service Commission (PSC) under the leadership of the Chairperson, Professor Somadoda Fikeni together with Commissioners Nancy Ngwenya and Errol Magerman held a meeting with the Secretary-General of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), Reverend Mzwandile Molo and his team on Thursday, 20 March 2025 in Pretoria.

The meeting discussed opportunities for collaboration in the areas of Public Sector Reforms, Professionalisation of the Public Service, the proposed National Summit on Family and Parenting as well as the National Dialogue on Values, Principles and Ethics.

In his opening remarks, Professor Fikeni mentioned that the work of reforming the public sector requires partnerships from all spheres and the involvement of the faith-based organisations will play a crucial role in reviving and redefining the value-system within the public service and communities at large.



He expressed his appreciation to the SACC for heeding a call to meet and discuss ways of collaborating with the PSC and other stakeholders to ensure that the National Summit on Family and Parenting becomes a success

Commissioners Ngwenya and Magerman concurred with the sentiments of the Chairperson and further expressed the importance of values and morality in building the nation. It was mentioned that the proposed National Summit will address social ills such as substance abuse, sexual immorality and teenage pregnancy, gender-based violence, amongst others. The Commission further stressed that this should not be another casual meeting but a partnership that will be impactful and yield positive results.

In responding to the issues raised, Reverend Molo expressed his gratitude to the PSC for a platform to collaborate. He said that the SACC is at the forefront of the transformation of society and that the meeting with the PSC is a recognition for a common goal to build a society that is anchored by mutual respect, human dignity and love as well as to build a nation that everyone can be proud of, free from social ills including the Gender-Based Violence against Women, Children and vulnerable groups. Reverend Molo also mentioned that the SACC developed a Civil-Society Manifesto that focuses on strengthening and empowering public servants in doing their work and providing services to communities, fighting corruption, protecting whistleblowers and other issues that affect the public sector.

The meeting agreed that today's engagement will be the beginning of a journey towards exchanging ideas, collaborating in areas of mutual interest and in particular the proposed Summit on Family and Parenting, amongst others.

The meeting was also attended by Mr Jabulani Mthethwa, Mr Luthando Kiti, Ms Karabo Mamabolo

and Ms Mathume Masha from the SACC and Mr Siyasanga Giyose, Dr Julia Mohapi, Ms Ayanda Mtshizana, Ms Boitshepo Selokane and Ms Zodwa Mtsweni from the PSC.



PSC attends the Public Service Reform Workshop

On Wednesday, 19 March 2025, Commissioners Errol Magerman and Nancy Ngwenya attended a Workshop on Public Service Reform hosted by the New South Institute (NSI) in Johannesburg.

The workshop unpacked how ongoing reforms, such as the Public Service Amendment Bill and the Public Administration Management Bill, will shape the future of government, public institutions, and service delivery. The issue of implementation and accountability was also discussed.

The session also outlined the NSI's strategy for the kind of reforms that should be undertaken and, more importantly, why it should be undertaken.

Some of the speakers at the workshop included the Director of the NSI, Mr Ivor Chipkin and Ms Yoliswa Makhasi, Head of the NSI's Public Service Reform programme.



Stakeholder Engagement

On Wednesday, 19 March 2025, Commissioner Vuyani Mapolisa met with the Editorial Team of the Daily Dispatch Newspaper in East London as part of stakeholder engagement. The Commissioner briefed the Daily Dispatch team on amongst others, the PSC Bill which is before Parliament, Professionalization of the Public Service and possible collaboration in areas of mutual interest. Commissioner Mapolisa was accompanied by the Provincial Director, Ms Phindiwe Ludwaba-Tyeda.

