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TO ALL JOURNALISTS/EDITORS

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR SAAPAM's 24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Members of the media who wish to cover the 24th South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) Annual Conference between 21-26 September 2025 are advised to apply for media accreditation before the 10th of September 2025.

The SAAPAM conference will be held at Premier Hotel, Thohoyandou in collaboration with the University of Venda (UNIVEN), Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority (PSETA), National School of Government (NSG), Department of Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) and Public Service Commission (PSC)

This year's SAAPAM conference will be under the theme: Building State Capacity: Prospects and Challenges delegates will be making sense of the theme and to enable rigorous discussion, with the sub-themes that are formulated.

The SAAPAM annual conference brings together academics, practitioners and policy makers to shape and influence policies. South Africa's inaugural assumption of the rotating presidency of the Group of 20 (G20) between 1 December 2024 and 30 November 2025 presents opportunities for the utility of diplomatic partnerships in state capacity building. With its agenda being premised on promoting economic and financial stability, the G20 theme informs the economic stability of state capacity building.

The economy being the backbone of attaining better standards of living for communities creating of employment opportunities and addressing inequality, which continue to bedevil to the South African state, the nexus between the block and capacity building and sustenance is indelible.

South Africa's tenure of the presidency of the block presents a great opportunity for South African institutions to both lead and learn from this epoch of state building in the evolution of the state. Being a developmental state, South Africa has an opportunity to equally develop its economic capacity as an anchor for all other pillars of development. Key speakers of the conference include the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Paul Mashatile, Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, Minister of Public Service and Administration Hon. Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi, Vice Chancellor of UNIVEN Prof Bernard Nthambeleni

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