

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **DPSA and Mpumalanga province host Inter-departmental Sport Day and the Health and Wellness Indaba**

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) will host the inter-departmental Sports Day on 27 September 2023, and the Health and Wellness Indaba from 28-29 September 2023 as the integrated Public Service Month (IPSM) campaign draws to a close.

The three distinct but inter-related events and their respective details are as follows:

1. *Inter-Departmental Sports Day (Batho Pele Walkie Talkie)- 27 September 2023*

- This event is expected to draw the participation of about 1,000 public servants from across the country for collegial competitions in various sporting codes, including indigenous games, netball and soccer.
- The day's sporting activities will be held at the University of Mpumalanga Sports Grounds in Mbombela, starting at 6 a.m.
- The official part of the programme, from 11 am to 11:45 am will include remarks from the Government Employees Medical Scheme's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Stan Moloabi, the DPSA Director-General, Ms Yoliswa Makhasi, the Premier of the Mpumalanga Province, Ms Refilwe Mtsweni-Tsipane, and the Deputy Minister for the Public Service and Administration, Dr Chana Pilane-Majake, followed by the continuation of the sporting activities.

2. *Health and Wellness Indaba – 28 to 29 September 2023*

- Running over two days, the Public Service Health and Wellness Indaba will focus on various mental health issues that public servants face on the job or in their private lives.
- Also taking place at the University of Mpumalanga, the Public Service Health and Wellness Indaba will be attended by over 200 health and wellness officials and experts on subjects ranging from Work-life balance in the Workplace to managing health conditions and chronic diseases affecting public servants.

3. *Formal closure of the Integrated Public Service Month campaign – 29 September 2023*

- The formal closure of the Integrated Public Service Month campaign, launched on 31 August 2023 at Buffalo City, in the Eastern Cape province, will reflect on the month-long activities in the context of the Public Service Charter.
- Minister for the Public Service and Administration, Ms Noxolo Kiviet, will deliver the end of IPSM campaign keynote address.

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