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Draft Programme

Launch of the Open Government Challenge on Improving Access to Justice to Marginalised and Vulnerable Groups:

Date: Tuesday, 28 October 2025

Venue: University of Pretoria: Hatfield Campus - Javett Art Centre

Programme Director: Prof Michel Tshiyoyo

School of Public Management and Administration - University of Pretoria

Session 1

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Responsible Person
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration	
09:00 – 09:10	Opening and National Anthem	DPSA/ UP
09:10 – 09:25	Welcome Remarks	Prof Steve Cornelius Dean of the Law Faculty University of Pretoria
09:25 – 09:40	Remarks on the Open Government Challenge	Prof Robert Balfour Vice-Chancellor and Rector University of the Western Cape
09:40 – 09:55	Civil Society Input and Message of Support	Ms Corlett Letlojane Executive Director - Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA)
09:55 – 10:20	Keynote address on the launch of the Open Government Challenge and Signing of the Pledge	Inkosi EM Buthelezi Minister for the Public Service and Administration (DPSA)
10:20 - 10:35	Photo Session/ Tea/ Coffee Break	

Session 2

Time	Activity	Speaker / Role
10:35 – 10:50	Address on the role of the Judiciary	Tbc Office of the Chief Justice
10:50 – 11:05	Address on the role of the PPSA	Ms Veronica Pillay Acting Executive Officer Public Protector South Africa
11:05 – 11:20	Address on the role Legal Aid Board	Mr Thabiso Mbhense National Executive Legal Aid South Africa
11:20 – 11:35	Presentation of the Pledge	Mr Daven Dass President of the South African Universities Law Clinics (SAULCA)
11:35 - 11:50	Statement on the Way Forward by the Lead Institution	Prof J de Ville Dean of the Law Faculty University of the Western Cape
11:50	Closure of the Session - Vote of Thanks	Dr Patrick M Sokhela Acting DDG: Government Services Access and Improvement - DPSA
12:00 – 13:00		Lunch - All Delegates



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