

## **NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL MEETING OF 2024**

**6 DECEMBER 2024**

The [National Planning Commission](#) (NPC) held its final quarterly plenary meeting on 6 December 2024. The NPC is an independent advisory body appointed by the President, as the custodian of South Africa's [National Development Plan: Vision 2030](#) (NDP).

It approved two advisory notes focussing on the themes of Migration Governance and Climate Change Legislation. These advisory notes will be used to engage relevant stakeholders. They will also be tabled at Cabinet in 2025.

The work on migration is premised on the NDP's call for the effective management of the huge shifts expected to take place in both rural-to-urban and cross-border migration patterns in South Africa by 2030. In August 2024, the NPC partnered with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the European Union (EU) at a [high-level regional conference](#). Amongst others, the conference tackled the complex challenges of human rights protection and the sovereignty of nation-states in the context of large-scale migration.

Recognising the importance of climate action as outlined in the relevant SDGs and the provisions of our own Climate Change Act, the NPC drafted an advisory note for municipalities, in particular. The Climate Change Act places specific legal obligations on municipalities. The NPC advisory note provides an analysis of challenges related to the implementation of the legislation and makes proposals for how these can be addressed.

All other advisory notes approved at the NPC's September 2024 plenary have since been made [public](#).

At its December 2024 meeting, the NPC also deliberated on three ongoing studies, to be finalised in 2025:

- a) [Trends in the Cost-of-Living](#),
- b) South Africa's Financial Architecture, and
- c) [Mental Health](#).

Furthermore, the NPC outlined its ongoing work of laying the foundations for the next long-term plan (beyond 2030). The Commission notes that this is a monumental task requiring input from key government departments and simultaneously consulting all sectors of society.

The Deputy Chairperson of the NPC, Prof Tinyiko Maluleke noted that "There is a function of long-term planning that is grossly underestimated, namely that long-term planning mobilises hope...The goals of a national long-term plan must be as clear as they are noble, as ambitious as they are moral."

The NPC's next meeting will be a lekgotla scheduled for the first week of March 2025. This lekgotla will be geared toward finalising the Commission's work plan for its final 18 months, informed by the President's State of the Nation Address and the Minister of Finance's national budget, as part of its approach to 'finish strong'.

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