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## **MINISTER MAROPENE RAMOKGOPA TO LEAD THE NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S STRATEGIC LEKGOTLA 01- 02 MARCH 2024**

The Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation, Ms. Maropene Ramokgopa will lead the National Planning Commission's (NPC) Strategic Lekgotla in her capacity as the Chairperson of the NPC between 1-2 March 2024 in Johannesburg. The Lekgotla is the third strategic session of the NPC and will be convened under the theme; ***“National Planning Commission: Taking the NDP Forward.”***

The NPC is a diverse and independent advisory body and think tank appointed by the President for five years. It is the custodian of South Africa's National Development Plan (NDP): Vision 2030 and has the primary role of advising government and society on implementing the NDP. Therefore, the foremost mandate of the third Commission is to institutionalize national development and long-term planning.

The Lekgotla takes place during an important period in our country with the approaching end of the 6th administration, the upcoming 7th national and provincial elections, and notably, the celebration of 30 years of freedom and democracy.

Equally, the Lekgotla is convened during the halfway mark since the third NPC was appointed in December 2021, and 10 years after the NDP was incorporated into the government's plans. The strategic session therefore presents an opportunity for the NPC to engage in a robust assessment of progress with the implementation of the NDP in the first decade as well as to take stock of its performance.

The Lekgotla will also deliberate and weigh in on the advisory mandate of the NPC to the government, to rally the nation around a common set of objectives and priorities to drive development and the implementation of the NDP towards 2030.

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