

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

6-7 MARCH 2025 LEKGOTLA STATEMENT

The National Planning Commission (NPC) held its annual strategy meeting on 6-7 March 2025 in Pretoria. The Deputy Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Honourable Mr. Seiso Mohai, attended the first day of the meeting. He also delivered the keynote address on behalf of Minister Maropene Ramokgopa, the Chairperson of the NPC. In his address, Deputy Minister Mr. Seiso Mohai, underscored the pivotal role played by the NPC in national long-term planning as well as in guiding and advising government. He pointed out that ‘managing our global position and our domestic challenges in a way that grows our economy and benefits the most marginalised, are complex’, requiring astute long-term planning, amongst others.

One of the main issues on the agenda of the NPC meeting was the country’s next long-term plan. As an independent advisory body appointed by the President, the NPC is the custodian of the country’s current long-term plan, the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 (NDP). While its mandate includes promoting the implementation of the NDP, at its 2024 lekgotla the NPC decided to start work on the next long-term. The discussions focused on the strategy and method that the NPC has employed since its 2024 decision, as well as how its role in the proposed National Dialogue will be leveraged to align the processes, so it informs the foundations for the next plan.

The Deputy Chairperson of the NPC, Prof Tinyiko Maluleke concluded the meeting and the intense discussions by confirming the importance of planning by noting that in most democratic nations, ‘all significant national ‘failures’ are ultimately failures in planning’.

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