

NDP 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY LECTURE

Theme: *10 years of the NDP - How do we invoke and implement the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 to ensure a new socio-economic heritage for South Africa?*

Date: 23 September 2022

Venue: University of Fort Hare, Alice Campus

1. INTRODUCTION

September 2022 marked a decade since the National Development Plan (NDP) was adopted. To commemorate this milestone, the National Planning Commission (NPC) aimed to rally South Africans behind the country's national plan and vision for 2030. As part of this effort, the NPC engaged in numerous public events designed to unite stakeholders, stimulate dialogue, and promote active citizenry and robust leadership. Among these initiatives was the NDP lecture, themed: '10 Years of the NDP – How Do We Invoke and Implement the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 to Ensure a New Socio-Economic Heritage for South Africa?'

2. OVERVIEW

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the NDP, the NPC, in collaboration with the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation and the University of Fort Hare, hosted a public lecture on 23 September 2022. The event focused on reflecting on the challenges and progress made in implementing the NDP while exploring strategies to advance its objectives. The theme of the lecture, '10 Years of the NDP – How Do We Invoke and Implement the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 to Ensure a New Socio-Economic Heritage for South Africa?', set the tone for in-depth discussions and meaningful exchanges.

3. KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The lecture served as a platform to evaluate the journey of the NDP over the past decade. It provided an opportunity to:

- Reflect on achievements and challenges in implementing the NDP.
- Engage stakeholders in dialogues on overcoming obstacles and driving further progress.

The keynote address was delivered by Ambassador Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko, who highlighted how far the NDP had come since its inception. One of the concerns highlighted by the Ambassador was the lack of proper service delivery to the public, as the country has loose

formations with pockets of excellence. She noted that the public sector generally does not deliver services but outsources them to the private sector, which does not work for the common good of the people and ultimately creates the opportunity for corruption.

4. CONCLUSION

The message from the lecture was that the National Development Plan remains South Africa's guiding framework for eradicating poverty, reducing unemployment, and addressing inequality. It envisions a nation where individuals are free yet interconnected, embracing their potential in a society where opportunities are determined by talent, education, and effort rather than birth. Achieving Vision 2030 requires collective effort, inspired leadership, and unwavering commitment to the principles outlined in the NDP.

