

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND STATE CAPACITY CONFERENCE

Reflections on State Capacity and Government Performance Through the First Ten Years of the National Development Plan

Date: 7-9 NOVEMBER 2022

Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal

1. INTRODUCTION

The Department of Public Service and Administration, in partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the National Planning Commission, and the KwaZulu-Natal Office of the Premier hosted a three-day government capacity and performance review conference on 7-9 November 2022.

2. OVERVIEW

The conference was informed by the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the National Development Plan (NDP) in 2012. Chapter 13 of the NDP commits the government to build its own capacity for the efficient and effective delivery of services, and to close the trust deficit between the government and citizens. The conference was centred on this commitment by the government over the last ten years through the NDP.

3. KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The conference ascertained the extent to which the government has manifested this commitment to building state capacity ten years later.

The Honourable Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, delivered the keynote address. She was followed by Advocate Kholeka Gcaleka, the Acting Public Protector, who highlighted state capacity and government performance based on investigation reports.

4. CONCLUSION

The conference was attended by stakeholders who work in the field of state capacity and government performance. This includes academics from across South African universities, researchers, and public servants.