

Media Statement

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THE NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF TEN (10) DISTRIBUTION AGENCY MEMBERS.

[Pretoria, 03 July 2025]. The National Lotteries Commission welcomed the approval of the newly appointed distribution agency members by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr Parks Tau. The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) is the largest funder of good causes in South Africa and disburses grants over R1 billion annually for a number of worthy good causes to marginalized communities.

Numerous projects in Charities, Arts, Culture and National Heritage as well as Sports and Recreation, are supported through grant funding initiatives. The Distributing Agency members will be responsible for considering, evaluation, and adjudication of applications in terms of sections 28, 29, 30 and 31 of the Act, including recommendations for funding of worthy causes as per sections 26G (1) and (2) read with other relevant provisions of the Act, along with any other functions that the Commission may assign to them from time to time.

“With 10 distributing agency members appointed, the NLC will have the capacity to adjudicate applications and be able to meet the statutory time frames, including adjudicating applications within 150 calendar days” said NLC Commissioner, Ms. Jodi Scholtz.

The Distribution agency members are appointed in terms of sections 26A and 26B(1) of the Lotteries Act, 1997, (Act No. 57 of 1997) as amended (the Act), as Full-Time Members of the Distributing Agency of the NLC for a period of five (5) year, effective from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2030. Three of the members have been appointed and will serve as Chairpersons.

The following appointed distribution agency members are:

- Mr. Goodwin Mnisi;
- Ms. Victoria Florette Ramela;
- Ms. Maria Mpolai Nkopane;
- Dr Zukiswa Yoliswa Zinhle NZO;
- Mr. Thembinkosi Josopu;
- Mr. Thulani Skosana;
- Ms. Chickey Silvy Mofet -Mubu;
- Ms. Nomsa Mgida;
- Mr Mpho Tsedu;
- Ms. Salome Francinah Sithole;

“The NLC is a vital institution of our constitutional democracy and Distributing Agency Members play a crucial role in ensuring that funds raised through the National Lottery are allocated fairly and transparently to qualifying causes and organisations. Furthermore, the board of the NLC would like to thank the three outgoing distribution agency members, Mr Gabela Gaidien; Mr Thanduxolo Lungile; and Ms. Fadila Lagadien for their commendable work they have made during their tenure for ensuring that the NLC continue providing good causes to our historically disadvantage and marginalized communities. These three distribution agency members their contracts will be coming

to an end, 31 July 2025. It is essential that the incoming distribution agency members build on this foundation, said NLC Board chairperson, Prof Barney Pityana.

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