

🕒 08:00 – 09:00 | ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, NETWORKING AND WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

🕒 09:00 – 09:10 | OPENING AND WELCOME - PROGRAMME DIRECTOR. MILTON NKOSI
REMARKS BY TEBOGO KHAAS, CHAIRPERSON OF PUBLIC INTEREST SA

🕒 09:15 – 09:55 | KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TOPIC/THEME: “UPHOLDING DEMOCRACY THROUGH COURAGE: THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF WHISTLEBLOWERS IN REBUILDING PUBLIC TRUST”

SPEAKER: HONOURABLE ANDRIES NEL, DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE & CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, REPUBLIC OF SA

🕒 10:00 – 11:00 | HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY PANEL

THEME: “FROM SILENCE TO SYSTEMIC CHANGE: ENABLING INSTITUTIONAL COURAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA”

PANELLISTS: HONOURABLE MR SONGEZO ZIBI MP, CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS; MAJOR GENERAL (RET) JOHAN BOOYSEN, FORMER HEAD: KZN DIRECTORATE FOR PRIORITY CRIME INVESTIGATION (HAWKS); MS DOROTHY MMUSHI, FORMER FORENSIC AUDITOR: ESKOM

🕒 11:00 – 11:15 | TEA BREAK

🕒 11:15 – 12:15 | HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY PANEL

LIVED EXPERIENCES

TOPIC: “THE ANATOMY OF RETALIATION: FROM VILIFICATION TO VIOLENCE”

- EXPLORING “GOOD FAITH” AND WHISTLEBLOWING
- SURVIVOR ACCOUNTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS
- IMPUNITY AND THE NEED FOR REDRESS MECHANISMS

FOCUS:

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HOW WHISTLEBLOWERS ARE SILENCED — THROUGH JOB LOSS, SOCIAL OSTRACIZATION, RETALIATION, LEGAL HARASSMENT, OR ASSASSINATION. INCLUDES SURVIVOR TESTIMONIES AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO DISRUPT PATTERNS OF RETALIATION.

PANELLISTS: DR UGLJEŠA RADULOVIĆ, UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG; PROFESSOR KHOLOFELO RAKUBU, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT AT THE TSHWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

 12:15 – 13:00 | HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY PANEL

CORPORATE & PROFESSIONAL BODIES ACCOUNTABILITY

TOPIC: “WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION REFORM: TOWARDS A VICTIM-CENTRED LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK”

- COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED LAWS
- ROLE OF PARLIAMENT AND LEGAL ADVOCACY ORGANISATIONS

FOCUS:

CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICA’S PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT AND RELATED STATUTES. INCLUDES DISCUSSION ON LEGAL REFORM PROPOSALS, WITNESS PROTECTION, INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES (E.G., EU WHISTLEBLOWER DIRECTIVE, G20 HIGH-LEVEL PRINCIPLES FOR THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS, AND INSTITUTIONAL READINESS OF CHAPTER 9 INSTITUTIONS.

PANELLISTS: PROF. REHANA CASSIM, PROFESSOR IN COMPANY LAW, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA; CHAD THOMAS, FINANCIAL & ORGANISED CRIME INVESTIGATOR, IRS FORENSIC INVESTIGATORS

 13:00 – 13:05 | CLOSING REMARKS BY TEBOGO KHAAS, PUBLIC INTEREST SA NPC CHAIRPERSON

 13:05 – 14:00 | NETWORKING FINGER LUNCH
