

**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **PSA welcomes appointment of Deputy Public Protector**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), the majority union in the Office of the Public Protector (OPP), welcomes the appointment of Advocate Nompilo Kholeka Gcaleka as Deputy Public Protector, expressing the hope that she will restore the dignity of this tainted institution.

Adv Gcaleka replaces Advocate Kevin Malunga who left office in December 2019. The PSA pointed out that Adv Gcaleka has a critical role in restoring the independence and integrity of the OPP by rising above any undue influence in the running of the OPP and upholding the institution's mandate as enshrined in the Constitution.

The PSA calls on Adv Gcaleka to take the interests of OPP employees to heart in the interest of service delivery and to restore the tainted image of the OPP. The PSA has since 2019 been raising serious concerns regarding victimisation and irregular appointments at the OPP. The PSA advises Adv Gcaleka not to ignore these matters raised by the PSA as a stakeholder in the OPP.

The Union, whilst pledging support for the Deputy Public Protector, warns that Adv Gcaleka has the task of ending maladministration and the purging of employees as a matter of urgency.

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