

MEDIA RELEASE	Heritage Day: Harness the heritage of service excellence
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Heritage Day is a celebration and commemoration of South Africa's rich cultural diversity while encouraging different groups to work together to ensure that the needs of every citizen is met. On this day, the Public Servants Association (PSA), is calling on public servants to harness and claim the heritage of service excellence while ensuring service delivery. South Africa has come from a history of struggle, reinventing itself as a new nation with a prosperous future due to the hard work undertaken by public servants. However, new struggles are now being faced as the country continues to develop.

Mismanagement, wasteful expenditure, fraud and corruption are impeding on the ability of workers to provide excellent service. The PSA calls on leaders to recreate a culture in the public service that values workers, hard work and unity. Recent violent protests in the country show the levels of frustrations being felt by a majority of South Africans. High unemployment rates, poor economic growth and an increase in prices for basic commodities is diving the nation, as citizens try to access limited resources. The PSA also strongly condemns the continues acts of gender-based violence perpetuated against the country's most vulnerable citizens women and children, which contradicts the core values of African heritage. This scourge continues to divide the nation and a divided nation cannot become prosperous.

Despite these challenges many public servants still continue to show the spirit of Ubuntu and a heritage of dedicated service. The PSA salutes workers who are determined to leave a legacy of service excellence.

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