

MEDIA RELEASE PSA congratulates Mr Sithole Mbanga on appointment as SALGA CEO

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) congratulates Mr Sithole Mbanga on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA).

Mr Mbanga joins SALGA at a critical time for the country where most of its 257 municipalities are dysfunctional owing to various factors, include political interference and infighting in councils. The Auditor-General recently reported that only 33 municipalities complied fully with the relevant legal requirements and could provide quality financial statements and performance reports. This situation in municipalities fuels the anger and dissatisfaction of citizens regarding the non-delivery of services to them.

SALGA in line with its key role to represent, promote and protect the interests of local government, has a major challenge to carry out its mandate amidst the current local government crisis. Therefore, the task given to Mr Mbanga will not be easy. The PSA, as a representative Union of SALGA employees, will continue to support SALGA in its mandate and encourage all SALGA employees to give the best service to municipalities in pursuit of much-needed transformation in local government. The PSA further expresses the hope that the new CEO will turn SALGA into an employer of choice by prioritising employees' issues and ensure a highly motivated workforce. An organisation that values its employees is bound to succeed in providing excellent service to clients.

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