

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes appointment of acting Head of Investigating Directorate Against Corruption with urgent call to ensure stability and independence
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the appointment of the acting Investigating Directorate Against Corruption (IDAC) Head, Adv Ntuthuzelo Navara from the Special Investigation Unit, recognising the urgent need for leadership and stability.

This development comes at a critical juncture in the battle against corruption in the public sector. Corruption remains one of the most corrosive threats to service delivery and the integrity of the state. Workers and citizens suffer when resources meant for public services are diverted through corrupt practices.

The PSA thus views the appointment as a necessary step to ensure continuity in IDAC operations. The PSA, however, remains extremely concerned about structural weaknesses that continue to undermine the IDAC's independence. Revelations about IDAC operations, as exposed at the Madlanga Commission, are profoundly troubling and raise serious questions about integrity and accountability. The IDAC's direct reporting to the Minister of Justice raises serious concerns about its autonomy and undermines perceptions of genuine independence. True independence requires insulation from political influence and administrative interference.

The PSA further notes that the IDAC continues to operate using Department of Justice infrastructure, including its email domain. This arrangement compromises the perception of independence and risks eroding public confidence. Adequate resourcing is another pressing concern. Without proper funding, the IDAC cannot attract or retain skilled investigators and prosecutors. The battle against corruption demands specialised expertise, advanced technology, and robust institutional support. The PSA calls on government to urgently address these shortcomings to ensure that the IDAC can fulfil its mandate. The appointment of an acting Head must be accompanied by guarantees of independence, transparency, and accountability. The PSA will continue to monitor developments and will not hesitate to raise concerns where the IDAC's integrity is compromised.

The PSA reiterates the Union's commitment to supporting genuine efforts to root out corruption, whilst resisting attempts to use the IDAC as a political tool. The credibility of the IDAC will ultimately be judged by its ability to deliver justice and restore trust in public institutions.

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