

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes R1 trillion infrastructure investment announcement: Calls for worker-centred implementation
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) notes and cautiously welcomes President Cyril Ramaphosa's announcement of a R1 trillion infrastructure investment aimed at addressing South Africa's persistent unemployment crisis and stimulating economic growth.

This bold commitment represents a significant opportunity to revitalise key sectors of the economy, improve public service delivery, and create much-needed employment opportunities for South Africans. The PSA supports initiatives that prioritise economic recovery and inclusive growth, particularly in a context of high unemployment, inequality, and fiscal pressure.

Whilst the PSA acknowledges the potential of this investment to generate employment, the Union emphasises that job creation must be meaningful, sustainable, and aligned with the principles of decent work. Infrastructure development programmes must prioritise fair wages and safe working conditions, promote skills development, long-term employment prospects, and avoid excessive reliance on short-term or precarious labour arrangements. Public investment should not only create jobs but also build capacity in the public-sector workforce, ensuring that workers are adequately trained and empowered.

The PSA stresses that the success of this initiative depends on a capable, well-resourced, and ethical public service. Public servants will play a central role in planning, implementing, and monitoring infrastructure projects. The PSA therefore calls for strengthening of institutional capacity in government departments, filling of critical vacancies in technical and professional roles, investment in skills development for public servants, and ensuring that procurement processes are transparent, accountable, and free from corruption.

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