

## Good Governance and Solid Delivery, the Hallmark of KZN Government

**K**waZulu-Natal Premier Willies Mchunu has reiterated the importance of ensuring that a budget of R 742,125 million allocated to the Office of the Premier is used to strengthen good governance and ensure solid administration over the next years.

Speaking during the presentation of the Budget Vote 1 of the Office of the Premier in the Provincial Legislature last week Mchunu pointed out: "We are cognizant of the fact that we present this Budget Vote two years before we wrap up the term of office of this government. The next two years will be very challenging following the downgrading of the country's status to a sub-investment level by two international rating agencies. We have already witnessed the impact this has had on the value of our currency and there are fears of a looming recession, which will obviously have a further negative impact."

"The multiplicity of social and economic challenges faced by the country and the province during this period, requires astute and mature leadership within government, but also in all sectors of society, to steady this ship. We need to unite and rally behind our key priorities and pursue them with urgency through a set of sustainable interventions and solutions. It goes without saying that we must be focussed on sheltering the poor from the impact of current economic challenges, whilst we stabilise our economy and seek new opportunities for inclusive economic growth."

"The Leader of Government Business and MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, the Honourable Sihle Zikalala will lead these efforts, assisted by the Provincial Planning Commission and other forums such as Human Resources Development Council and KZN Growth Coalition, to name but a few."

"The President of the Republic His Excellency J.G Zuma must be commended for meeting with the new Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba and other role-players to look into these economic challenges and

to mitigate any further negative impact." "As leaders of government, deployed to oversee the administration of state resources, I urge members of this house to set aside party political differences and to work tirelessly together to achieving the Vision of our Province, namely to be a prosperous Province, with a healthy, secure and skilled population, living in dignity and harmony, acting as a gateway to Africa and the World."

"It is in challenging times like this that a clear and sound Vision is of critical importance. We need to keep our eye firmly on the proverbial ball and avoid the temptation to play the man. We need to set personal differences aside and focus on what is in the best interest of the communities who elected us to serve them in this house."

"We cannot expect our communities and broader civil society to be cohesive and tolerant across racial, language, religious, gender, or whatever other differences we may have, if we are not able to unite and be tolerant of one another with mutual respect in this House."

"Premier and Executive Authority of the Office the Premier, I have committed this Department to play a much more assertive and visible role in providing leadership and coordinating key and priority government programmes that will drive us towards the achievement of our Provincial Vision. Let me hasten to qualify this statement, we are not intending to usurp any functions, roles or responsibilities of other line function departments, but we need to have our finger on the pulse of this province and must be able to intervene where necessary."

On the issue of radical economic transformation, the Premier pointed out:

"During the State of the Province Address we announced that radical economic transformation will be the main focus for all government departments and all municipalities. The acknowledgement of the existence of the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality explains why all efforts must be focused



Mr Willies Mchunu - Premier of KwaZulu-Natal

on how the economy of the country will be turned around for the better."

"High unemployment inherited from the apartheid past has not been significantly dented in the past 23 years of our now so new democracy. It is of concern that in some cases youth unemployment reaches up to 70% in our country, in particular in those areas of our Province where 70% of the population is youth below the age of 35 years."

"We want to state again that we want enterprises such as SMMEs and Co-operatives, owned by Africans in particular, women and the youth to benefit as they remain excluded from the mainstream economy. When Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana in the 1950's spoke about the need for Africans to achieve economic independence, his ideas were rooted in creating and developing successful and viable owned small enterprises as a way of achieving the economic freedom he propagated." "In one of his addresses, Nkrumah pointed out: "Thought without practice is empty: and action without

thought is blind". The Office of the Premier therefore, will monitor and evaluate on a regular basis all provincial government departments, public entities and municipalities in relation to their spending of procurement budgets in line with our radical economic transformation imperatives."

"It is against this context that I am expecting the Provincial Planning Commission to monitor our progress, not only to the extent that we are able to grow the economy of this Province, but even more importantly, the extent to which we are succeeding in growing a shared economy with broader participation in a diversified economy."

"Our focus in the Office of the Premier is therefore now to shift from driving the strategic planning agenda, to now also be instrumental in monitoring and evaluating our progress, as well as reporting this in an open and transparent manner to all of government and our development partners so that we are able to proactively take appropriate corrective action where required."

# Freedom Day

## to be Celebrated in uMkhanyakude

**S**outh Africa celebrates Freedom Day annually on the 27 April and the theme for this year is "The year of OR Tambo: Together deepening democracy and building safer and crime-free communities". The celebrations coincide with the centenary of the late President and national Chairperson of the ANC, Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo, an international icon and hero of the South African liberation struggle.

Freedom Day recognises and celebrates the strides that have been made since 1994, and acknowledges that South Africa is a far better society than it was under apartheid. It is also a period of reflection on what else needs to be done collectively towards the goal of building a prosperous society and improving the quality of life for all.

"This is a time to celebrate what we have achieved together in a democratic South Africa and recommit ourselves to make our country a better place to live in. The struggle for freedom didn't end in 1994, and our challenges should not overshadow the significant progress made over the last two decades.

Let us use this celebration to foster a common agenda of building a united and prosperous South Africa", said Minister of Communications, Ayanda Dlodlo.

The National Freedom Day event will be held tomorrow, Thursday, 27 April 2017 at Manguzi, the Thengani A Grounds, uMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal. President Jacob Zuma will deliver the keynote address. "This year the celebrations are noteworthy as they are taking place in one of the remotest corners of our country in a rural area where, despite challenges, there is a tangible sense of the opportunities our democratic government has brought", Minister Dlodlo emphasised.

All South Africans are urged to join the celebrations either at uMhlabuyalingana or in their communities, as we remember that our freedom was not free, it was hard earned. There was struggle and bloodshed, and for this reason our freedom needs to be cherished and protected.

In remembering the life of Chris Hani, we should recall that his assassination triggered the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum to finally set a date for South Africa's first democratic election on the 27th April 1994.

In March 2017 His Excellency the President visited the uMhlabuyalingana Municipality, having been alerted by residents and community leaders in the area of high levels of cross-border crime which have been impacting overall development in the area. Through the Presidential Siyahlola Monitoring Programme, President Zuma put government to work to identify a range of areas which needed the attention of the public service, working with communities.

The National Development Plan (NDP) Vision 2030, highlights safety and security as amongst the core elements of a well-functioning society and as a contributing factor to a decent standard of living. When communities do not feel safe and live in fear, the country's economic development and the people's wellbeing is affected,

hindering their ability to achieve their potential. "Government, through the Inter-ministerial Committee on Cross-border Crime – kwa-Umhlabyalingana" has since the President's visit been hard at work in addressing some of the concerns citizens have raised.

As part of the Freedom Day celebrations in this area, His Excellency, the President will be reporting to the community and the nation at large some of the interventions so far", Minister Dlodlo stated.

Additionally, in responding to safety issues, the Department of Arts and Culture will today 26 April 2017 host a social dialogue to tackle the underlying root causes of crime and violence in this community. The dialogue will take place at the Tribal Court, uMhlabuyalingana Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal from 18h00.

"Our democracy has restored the dignity of millions of South Africans and changed our lives for the better. We cannot allow crime and criminal activities to derail us. Let us join hands to preserve our freedom and SAY NO to racism, crime and corruption and substance abuse", concluded Minister Dlodlo".

As we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the brutal killing of Steve Biko, we continue our commitment to restore a human face to all communities in South Africa. Government calls on all citizens to join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #FreedomDay and share their ideas of the South Africa they envisage to live in and show how they are willing to contribute to make it a better country for all its citizens. Follow @GovernmentZA @GCISMedia and @SAGovNews for updates on the proceedings on Freedom Day.

**FREEDOM DAY**

**Keynote Address**  
by President Jacob Zuma

*"The Year of OR Tambo: Together deepening democracy and building safer and crime-free communities"*

**27TH APRIL 2017** | **MANGUZI UMHLABUYALINGANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY** | **09:00 AM**



# New Appointed Deputy Director for Inkululeko Development Project **Ms Fanele Ntombela**



## NOLWAZI NZUZA

### 1. Please give us a brief background of your career and academics

I have worked in the field of bio-medical research environment and community engagement, from being a Community Educator, a Research Assistant, Project Coordinator, Site Project Director to a Deputy Head of the Community Programme. I have been exposed to different meetings and conferences as a participant and a presenter in local, African Region and globally.

My experience includes serving in the global clinical trial sponsor's (HIV Prevention Trials Network), Performance and Evaluation Committee. In 2016 I was nominated and honoured as a 2016 Omololu Falobi Award for Excellence in HIV Prevention Research Community Advocacy, at the HIV Research for Prevention Research Conference in Chicago (HR4P2016).

I studied Development Studies and possesses a postgraduate degree in Social behavioural Studies in HIV and AIDS. I

have a Diploma in Project management and a Higher Certificate in Management. I have a number of training with certificates in monitoring and evaluation, project management, community mobilisation and engagement.

### 2. What have been your most memorable experiences during your time at the Office of Premier?

A warm welcome by the Director at Inkululeko Development Projects, Senior Management within the directorate and the team. My first trip to plan the Cabinet OSS Day, at Nquthu, it underscored what most colleagues were mentioning as I was introduced to them, that I have signed up to travel a lot and I am going to know the KwaZulu-Natal Province like the palm of my hand.

### 3. What goals or vision do you have for your directorate and the organisation as a whole?

My goal is to contribute to the full functionality of service delivery systems

through strong and meaningful partnerships, create sustainable livelihoods by providing integrated services to communities and promoting a better life for all.

### 4. What inspires you as a newly appointed manager?

I am being inspired by the work I am learning has been done through Operation Sukuma Sakhe and other special projects in the directorate. Inkululeko Development Project I (iNdumo Project) has showcased a success in integrating development interdepartmentally.

The new experience of being one of the drivers of OSS, Inkululeko Development Projects and other projects in the directorate, and vibrant team I am going to work with, inspires me.

### 5. What would you like to accomplish/goals while you occupy this position?

I would like to make a scientifically proven

contribution on the effectiveness of OSS as service delivery vehicles and that through partnerships transversal services to communities can be delivered, if coordinated and facilitated efficiently.

### 6. What more would you like us to know about you?

The experience I gained while working in the Provincial Treasury Department for four months (December 2016 to March 2017), in The Global Fund Supported Programme, has been an excellent stepping stone to my current position and an exposure to public service systems.

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# We Bid Farewell to Doctor Neete Behari and Dr Brian Thusi

The Office of the Premier has had to bid farewell to two Senior Managers in the past months. Dr Neete Behari left to join national government and Dr Brian Thusi went on retirement.

Dr Behari joined the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit in the KZN Office of the Premier in 2008 as a Director a role she excelled in. She became a Chief Director following the early retirement of Rishi Moonilal and demonstrated her diligence when she held the fort at M&E.

Her work was easily measured by the consistently positive MPAT scores that the

department received under her guardianship.

The Presidency's DPME appointed her as Head of Frontline Service Delivery at a Deputy Director-General.

Staff at the Heritage unit where Dr Thusi was Director, have expressed their appreciation for the mentorship that Dr Thusi provided over the years. We wish both Dr Behari and Dr Thusi all the best.



Dr Neete Behari



Dr Brian Thusi

## April Birthdays

DIRECTORATE	INITIALS	SURNAME	MONTH
Human Resource Policy Dev.	CNT	Madela	24-Apr
Human Resource Support	PFR	Mncwabe	25-Apr
Monitoring and Evaluation	NF	Doncabe	26-Apr
Inkululeko Development Project	NI	Zondi	26-Apr
Demand Management & Compliance	SD	Msomi	27-Apr
Service Delivery Complaints Management	P	Ngubane	27-Apr
Executive Council Support	SAE	Zondo	28-Apr
Human Resource Policy Dev.	BP	Cindi	29-Apr
Royal Household	MP	Masuka	29-Apr
Royal Household	ZZ	Mthenjana	29-Apr
Human Resource Support	RS	Mwandla	29-Apr
Professional Assistance	SF	Shozi	29-Apr
Acting Chief of Staff	NP	Jabe	30-Apr



**We Wish all Our Colleagues born in April a Happy birthday, may your day be filled with Joy and Happiness.**

Birthdays are a time to say We hope you have the greatest day Laugh, smile and celebrate with friends

**May the magical days show no ends!**