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LAW SOCIETY WELCOMES NOMINATION PANEL ON NDPP

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) commends President Cyril Ramaphosa for setting up a panel of independent legal organisations to identify a suitable, fit and proper candidate for the position of National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP).

'The LSSA is honored to form part of the panel and takes this duty very seriously. We regard this as a significant step in what will be a tough journey towards restoring public confidence in the prosecutorial services,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Etienne Barnard and Mvuzo Notyesi.

They add: 'In August this year we called for the process of appointing the new NDPP to be transparent and motivated by the candidate's commitment to the Constitution, the independence of the prosecutorial institution and accountability to the public. We are confident that the transparent panel process introduced by the President will yield a new head for the National Prosecuting Authority who will tackle the instability in the institution head-on and bring independence, impartiality, accountability, stability and good governance to our prosecutorial services, which are at the heart of our criminal justice system and carry the expectations for justice of the victims of crime in our society.'

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