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## Media Statement

### NLC clears applications backlog!

**PRETORIA, 11 December 2017.** NLC Commissioner, Mrs Thabang Mampane is proud to announce that the backlog of applications for funding that at one point stood at over 12000 for the Charities Sector – has been cleared.

From 2001 when the then NLB (now NLC) issued its first sector-based call for applications, the organisation has been challenged with a heavy influx of applications – a clear indication of the needs on the NGO/NPO sector in South Africa.

The stream of applications during the time-bound calls resulted in a heavy backlog on the adjudication system and became a source of frustration for both staff and potential beneficiaries.

Adds Mampane, "The amendment of the Lotteries Act and its application from 2015 has allowed us to make key changes that have enhanced the way in which we service our stakeholders. These include the appointment of Distributing Agencies on a full-time basis (to ensure regular adjudication), and a re-alignment of our internal processes".

She says that the most significant change, has been the move to an open call system for applications, versus the previous system of time-bound calls that created a high volume of applications during certain periods.



### CHANGING LIVES

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Established in terms of the Lotteries Act 57 of 1997, as amended

“We are now confident that to make sure that we meet our legislated turnaround time on applications of 150 days from the submission of an application to the communication of the outcome.” As at the end of the second quarter (September 2017), the NLC had already adjudicated 93% of all applications received in the open call.

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The NLC regulates lotteries in South Africa and distributes funds to NPOs/NGOs that work for the public good.

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