

NLC welcomes Ms Jodi Scholtz as Commissioner

The National Lotteries Commission (the NLC) is pleased to announce the commencement of the term of office of Ms Jodi Scholtz as Commissioner on 1 February 2023.

Ms Scholtz will guide the NLC in the fulfilment of its mandate to regulate lotteries and fund good causes, with an emphasis on accountability, transparency and restoring good governance.

With over 20 years' experience in the public sector, Ms Scholtz is a tried and tested leader who has helped to steer the ship as Chief Operations Officer at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**), driving innovation and ensuring meaningful compliance with legislation.

Most recently, she led the administration of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), where she spearheaded the development and implementation of a turnaround strategy with a focus on cost reduction.

With an undergraduate degree from the University of Cape Town, Ms Scholtz came through Harvard University's Driving Government Performance programme, and earned her MBA from the University of Pretoria (Gordon Institute of Business Science).

"The Board has charted a strategic plan for the NLC which is built on the three pillars of returning the NLC to the focus of its core mandates by reinstating credibility, restoring governance, and building operational excellence," said NLC Chairperson Prof Barney Pitso. "We are delighted to welcome Ms Jodi Scholtz to the NLC. Under her leadership, we look forward to a flourishing future for the Commission, the regulation of lotteries, and the thousands of grantees and beneficiaries we serve each year."

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We reiterate our commitment to creating an environment that lives up to the promise of '*Funding for Impact*' and consensus building for the good of vulnerable South Africans."