

Media Statement

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EMPOWERING IMPACT: EFFECTIVE REGULATION AND FUNDING THROUGH DIGITISATION

[21 November 2025] The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) evolved from the National Lotteries Board and was established in terms of the National Lotteries Act, No. 57 of 1997 as amended by Act 32 of 2013. The NLC reports to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Competition which serves as its Executive Authority and oversees its operations. The entity advises the Ministry on policy matters related to the National Lottery and other lotteries and ensures that funding for deserving beneficiaries is allocated accordingly. In adhering to the stipulations of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Competition and Parliament, the National Lottery and Sports Pools operator will continue to transfer 27% of weekly revenue to the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF), which allocates annual contributions of 28% to the Sport and Recreation Sector, 23% to the Arts, Culture and National Heritage Sector and an amount equal to 2% of the total is reserved for the Miscellaneous Purposes Sector.

In collaboration with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic) and other strategic partners, the NLC will be hosting a national Indaba on the 26th and 27th of November 2025, themed – “Effective Regulation and Funding Through Digitisation”.

The Indaba theme was developed through the NLC’s Board’s vision and a three-pillar approach which guides the entity’s strategic path, which is to reinstate credibility, restoring governance and building operational excellence.

The 2025 national Indaba emanates from the NLC’s transparent stance in reporting on its successes and challenges and will be an opportunity for various stakeholders to be appraised of the entity’s strategic direction, more advanced digital operational developments and robust engagement with stakeholders as concerns are addressed through various commissions and through networking.

“The NLC has hosted five indabas in 2011, consecutively in the 2013-15 years and in 2017 and each one of these strategic events have resulted in robust engagements with various stakeholders. Recommendations were considered and resolutions were implemented and whereby challenges were experienced, the NLC team did not falter in consultative engagements which were conducted through meetings, collaborative events, workshops, forums and exhibitions,” states, NLC Commissioner, Ms. Jodi Scholtz.

She further emphasises, “The entity’s inclusive approach incorporates recognising its various stakeholders and creating environments whereby each stakeholder is valued, respected and has equitable access to opportunities and resources, irrespective of background or identity. The NLC has identified internal risks and has improved on governance and audit processes. Management is committed to embracing more advanced digital technology to streamline the grant funding processes and grant distribution thereof.”

A considerable number of dignitaries is expected to be part of the Indaba and the various commissions, including representatives from the Office of the Presidency, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr. Parks Franklyn Mpho Tau and other representatives from the dtic, dignitaries from the three-tiers of government, regulatory entities, strategic civil society formations, provincial grant funding beneficiaries, exhibitors and media.

A day prior to the Indaba, the NLC will host a Regulatory Round-table session whereby subject matter experts’ minds will meet to share strategies on the implementation of more digitally advanced and inclusive business models.

“Although the entity’s successes have been overshadowed by negative issues within the NLC and the entity has partly encountered unfavourable publicity, we are proud to announce that for the 2024/25 financial year, the NLC received an unqualified audit opinion as declared by the Auditor-General of South Africa. We extend our gratitude to the dtic, strategic partners and various stakeholders committed to the implementation of our mandate as we progress into key milestones in the improvement of governance, accountability and transparency. We are very hopeful that through the 2025 Indaba, we will attract constructive, collaborative and impactful influence for the betterment of society.” Ms. Scholtz concludes.

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