



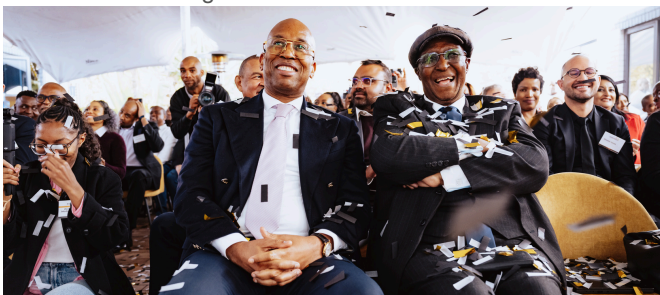
News Article

Sizekhaya Holdings Unveils Plans as the New National Lottery and Sports Pools Operator

NLC and Sizekhaya Holdings board members and executives posing for a photo during a media and stakeholder event in Rivonia, Johannesburg on Thursday, 21 May

It is all systems go for Sizekhaya Holdings as the company prepares to take over National Lottery and Sports Pools operations from 01 June 2026. This was revealed by the company's board and management during a launch event held at its offices in Rivonia, Johannesburg, on Thursday, 21 May 2026. The event brought together business leaders, National Lotteries Commission (NLC) board members and executive management, media representatives and stakeholders from across the lottery sector for the first public introduction to Sizekhaya's leadership team, strategic vision and operational priorities.

Sizekhaya has pledged to modernise and expand South Africa's lottery system while strengthening transparency, accessibility and public trust. Sizekhaya's board chairperson, Moses Tembe, said the transition from the previous operator represented more than a routine operational handover but also an opportunity to renew and strengthen one of South Africa's most recognisable national institutions.



Sizekhaya's Board Chairperson, Moses Tembe and NLC Board Chairperson, Professor Barney Pitso sharing a joyous moment.



Moderator Andile Khumalo; Sizekhaya's Chief Operating Officer, Fundi Sithebe; Chief Lottery Officer, Juan Antonio del Valle; and Head of Marketing, Kgothatso 'KG' Mashile, during a panel discussion focusing on the company's lottery operations.

"As Sizekhaya, we understand clearly that we are not only operating a business; we are acting as custodians of a national institution," Tembe said. He described the National Lottery as both a platform of opportunity for ordinary South Africans and an important instrument for social development. "The National Lottery occupies a unique place in our society. For sure, it is a game of possibility. Every week, millions of South Africans participate in the hope that life may change for the better. But the lottery is also much more than that; it is a national instrument for development, opportunity and social impact," he said.

Tembe added that funds generated through ticket sales continue to play a critical role in supporting charitable organisations, sports, arts and culture initiatives, and broader community development projects across the country through allocations made by the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund.



NLC Board member, Tembinkosi King Bonakele, Chairperson Professor Barney Pityana and Sizekhaya Holdings Board Chairperson, Moses Tembe looking at CEO Lebogang Ndadana cutting the ribbon to mark the company's launch of National Lottery and Sports Pools operations.

The company said innovation and accessibility would be key priorities as it seeks to modernise the lottery system and adapt to changing consumer behaviour. “The future of the National Lottery must be accessible, modern and responsive to the way South Africans live today,” Tembe said.

Speaking during the event, NLC chairperson Barney Pityana emphasised that the lottery remains a significant national asset with a strong developmental mandate. “The National Lottery is more than a commercial enterprise. It is a national public asset with a profound developmental mandate and social responsibility,” Pityana said.

“As the National Lotteries Commission, we remain committed to ensuring that the lottery is operated with integrity, accountability and transparency while continuing to maximise its positive impact in communities across South Africa.” Pityana said the commission would continue to oversee the integrity and continuity of the lottery system throughout the transition process and beyond.

Sizekhaya said it intends to position the lottery as a more trusted, modern and inclusive platform capable of delivering meaningful benefits to players, retailers and communities alike. Genlot, a Chinese company that is part of the consortium, announced to attendees that lottery terminals are being assembled here in South Africa, and that has contributed to job creation.

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NLC Executive Manager for Regulatory Compliance, Tintswalo Nkuna and Sizekhaya Board member, Ntombi Mutshekwane.