



INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

MEDIA STATEMENT

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INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, 21 – 22 JULY 2025

The terms of office for the current Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr MS Moepya, and the current Commissioners, Dr NP Masuku and Judge D Pillay, are due to expire on 4 November 2025, respectively. Therefore, Chief Justice MML Maya, in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Panel established to recommend candidates as Commissioners to the National Assembly to fill vacancies in the Electoral Commission, was requested by the Speaker of National Assembly, Ms T Didiza, MP, to initiate the process for the filling of the 3 (three) vacancies that will arise upon the expiry of the terms of the above-mentioned Commissioners.

In terms of section 6 of the Electoral Commission Act, 1996 (the Act) the process that needed to be initiated for the ultimate filling of the vacancies is as follows:

- (a) the Speaker of the National Assembly requests the Chief Justice to establish and convene a Panel to commence with the process of filling the vacancy.
- (b) the Chief Justice establishes a panel comprising herself as the Chairperson of the Panel, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission, the

Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality and the Public Protector.

- (c) the Chairperson of the Panel, acting in accordance with section 6(4) and the principles of transparency and openness, gives instructions for the publication of the notice calling for applications.
- (d) upon receipt of applications, the Panel compiles a shortlist.
- (e) the Panel conducts interviews and thereafter submits a list of recommended candidates to the committee of the National Assembly contemplated in section 6(2)(d) of the Act.
- (g) Section 6(1) of the Act, provides that of the five members that comprise the Commission, one shall be a judge.
- (f) section 6(4) of the Act requires the Panel to submit a list of no fewer than eight (8) recommended candidates to the committee of the National Assembly referred to in subsection 6(2)(d) of the Act. The Panel shall act in accordance with the principles of transparency and openness and make its recommendations with due regard to a person's suitability, qualifications and experience.

The Panel established in terms of section 6(3) of the Act, charged with the responsibility of interviewing the candidates consists, of Chief Justice MML Maya as the Chairperson, the Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission, Mr C Nissen, the Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality, Adv N Sepanya-Mogale and the Public Protector, Adv K Gcaleka.

On 21 and 22 July 2025, the Panel met and interviewed ten (10) candidates. Bearing in mind the criteria in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and the Act, the Panel unanimously decided to recommend and submit the following eight (8) candidates, in no particular order:

- (a) Judge MI Madondo
- (b) Judge D Pillay

- (c) Adv C Chaplog-Louw
- (d) Mrs J Pitso
- (e) Mr G Abrahams
- (f) Mr MS Moepya
- (g) Dr RL Martin
- (h) Mr NX Nyembezi

Ends.

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