



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Ronald Lamola, will from 22-24 March 2023, host the National Conference on the Constitution – Reflections and the road ahead in **Gauteng Province**.

The South African nation will get an opportunity to reflect and dialogue on the past 25 years of the Constitution, Nation Building, Gender Equality, Youth Economic Empowerment, as well issues of Service Delivery and Social Stability to chart a way forward on the path towards building on the gains of democracy.

There has been a robust debate amongst South Africans as to whether the Constitution has really achieved what it was intended for or not; the national conference intends to broaden the discourse on the Constitution and encourage members of the public to join and participate in the conversation on constitutionalism and the current state of democracy in our country.

Some of the focus areas in the programme include:

- Transforming and building an independent and resilient judiciary

- Transforming and growing the economy as a constitutional imperative
- Progress on land reform: restitution and distribution
- Governance and electoral reform
- Effectiveness of constitutional and independent statutory bodies in strengthening constitutional democracy

The conference will be attended by prominent figures of South African society including academics, members of legislatures, constitutional and independent statutory bodies, mayors, political parties, youth, students, business leaders, religious leaders, legal fraternity, traditional leaders, media and others.

This conference will be held under the theme: “*Reflections on the Constitution: Rule of law, accountability, social and economic justice*”. Members of the media wishing to cover the event are invited to apply for accreditation by completing the attached form and email it to Victor Mateane Phala on Vphala@justice.gov.za before 16h00 on **Tuesday, 14 March 2023**.

For more information on media accreditation, please contact Mr Victor Mateane Phala on 084 888 5162. The conference will be held as follows:

Date : **22-24 March 2023**

Time : **08h30**

Venue: Gauteng Province

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