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DEPUTY PRESIDENT MASHATILE TO OPEN THE 12TH SA AIDS CONFERENCE

The Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Mr Shipokosa Paulus Mashatile will on Monday, 08 September 2025, in his capacity as Chairperson of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), open the 12th SA AIDS Conference at Emperor's Palace in the Gauteng Province.

Hosted under the theme: "Unite for Change – Empower Communities and Redefine Priorities for HIV/AIDS", this pivotal event will bring together leaders, researchers, implementing partners, academics and advocates from South Africa, the continent and other countries to address the evolving landscape of combating HIV and its management.

The Deputy President will lead the Opening Plenary alongside the SANAC Civil Society Forum Chairperson Mr Solly Nduku; the SANAC Private Sector Forum, Ms Mpumi Zikalala; the Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi; Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi; Gauteng Health MEC, Ms Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko, as well as Representatives from development partners inclusive of UN Agencies and US Government.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the session as follows:

Date: Monday, 08 September 2025

Time: 14h30 (Media to arrive at 14h00)

Place: Emperors Palace, City of Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province.

Media wishing to cover must please RSVP with the following:

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