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Gender Commission congratulates Mr. Sehlahle Fannie Masemola on his appointment as the National Police Commissioner

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) would like to congratulate Mr. Sehlahle Fannie Masemola on his appointment as the new national Police Commissioner for the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The CGE wishes Mr. Masemola well in his role and believes that through his leadership, SAPS will implement systems to escalate the fight against gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF).

The last three SAPS quarterly crime statistics showed a rapid increase in contact crimes and sexual offences against women and girls and this remains one of the CGE's biggest concerns.

The CGE also calls on the national Police Commissioner to speedily address the historical DNA backlog which continues to affect rape cases in courts across the country and denied victims of the justice they deserve. This delay in the processing of DNA cases has led to a high number of rape cases being thrown out of court and suspects walking free.



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We call on the national Police Commissioner to establish dedicated units in all the 9 provinces that would attend to gender-based violence cases.

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