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MEDIA STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY SAAPAM ON THE APPOINTMENT OF ADVOCATE DINKIE PORTIA DUBE AS DEPUTY PUBLIC PROTECTOR

The South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) warmly congratulates Advocate Dinkie Portia Dube on her appointment as Deputy Public Protector of the Republic of South Africa, effective 1 February 2026, following her nomination by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa on the recommendation of the National Assembly. Advocate Dube brings to this esteemed office a distinguished record of public service, including her tenure as Director-General of the Public Service Commission.

In this role, she played a pivotal part in promoting accountability, transparency, and efficiency within the public service, strengthening governance systems, and enhancing citizen trust in government institutions. Her extensive experience in oversight, policy implementation, and organisational leadership equips her to advance the constitutional mandate of the Public Protector's office with integrity and rigour. Her appointment aligns closely with the professional values and objectives of SAAPAM. By supporting ethical leadership, promoting effective administration, and fostering excellence in governance, Advocate Dube's work will complement and reinforce the association's mission to advance professional standards in public administration across South Africa.

Reflecting on her appointment, Prof. John Molepo, Executive Director of SAAPAM, stated: "Advocate Dinkie Portia Dube's wealth of experience in the Public Service Commission demonstrates a steadfast commitment to ethical governance and institutional excellence. Her leadership will not only strengthen the Office of the Public Protector but also inspire greater professional engagement and collaboration within the public administration sector. We look forward to working alongside her to advance standards of accountability, transparency and service delivery in our country." Her leadership as Deputy Public Protector is expected to enhance oversight, promote institutional integrity, and ensure that public administration remains accountable to the people it serves.

This development represents a significant opportunity for SAAPAM members and the broader public administration community to engage with an office committed to upholding the highest standards of ethical governance. On behalf of the Executive Management and members of SAAPAM, we extend our sincere congratulations to Advocate Dube and wish her every success as she assumes this important constitutional responsibility.

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