

**PROGRAMME FOR 2021 PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH (SEPTEMBER): "The year of Charlotte Maxeke-a resilient public service responsive to the coronavirus pandemic"**

No.	Period	Date	Activity	Purpose of the activity	Targeted participants/ stakeholders	Venue	Lead /co-ordinating Department
1.	Week 1 (30 Aug-03 Sept) : Awareness of PSM and remembering the fallen servants	30 Aug - 05 Sept	Arbor Week	National <b>Arbor Week</b> is an opportune time to call on all South Africans to plant indigenous trees as a practical and symbolic gesture of sustainable environmental management. It affords the government, the private sector, non-governmental and community based organisations and the public to be involved in "greening" their communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entire Nation</li> </ul>		Forestry, Fisheries and environment
		03 Sept	PSM Opening Launch 10h00 – 12h00	Create awareness on the PSM and outline the month's programme to celebrate contributions of those in the public service and civil service working for the benefit of the general public and reflecting on the work of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government Institutions</li> <li>Media</li> <li>Civil societies</li> <li>Academia</li> </ul>	Virtual	DPSA

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2.		05 Sept	National Police commemoration day	The South African Police Services remembers the sacrifices that our men and women in blue have made and continue to make as they provide safety for all who live in South Africa.	National		SAPS
3.	Week 2 (6-11 Sept) Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Constitution of RSA	07 Sept	Dialogue on Constitutionalisation of public service administration	Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Constitution of RSA (DOJ)  Promoting a common understanding of the Constitutional Values and Principles (CVPs) (PSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government departments</li> <li>Civil societies / Academia</li> </ul>	Virtual	DPSA
4.		09 Sept	Dialogue on Measures To Improve The Financial And Organisational Performance Systems.	Efforts to improve the financial and organisational performance systems by National Treasury.	Civil Servants	Virtual	DPSA
				Efforts to improve the financial and organisational performance systems by Office of the Auditor-General			
				Government wide monitoring and evaluation systems			
5.		10 Sept	Reflection on the 2021 Election year (Local government and service delivery)	<p>Conversation on service delivery and elections as cornerstone of democratic society, IEC readiness for 2021 local government elections.</p> <p>Regulation 15: Employees as candidates for elections.</p> <p>Conducting business with the state.</p>	Government departments (Nationally & Provincially)	Virtual	IEC and Stats SA/Science & Tech

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6.	Week 3 (13-18 Sept) Frontline Service Delivery monitoring : Thusong services week-	13-17 Sept	Monitoring frontline service delivery and plans for requisite improvements in the <b>health sector</b>	Monitoring of the vaccine roll out – (khaedu deployments of Senior Managers to the coalface of service delivery and engage with service sites activities to help find solutions to challenges experienced. (vaccination sites)	Government departments (Nationally & Provincially	Hybrid (virtual & physical event)	DPSA, DPME and Department of Health
			Monitoring frontline service delivery and plans for requisite improvements in the <b>Thusong service centres</b>	Monitoring business continuity in service centres and conversation with frontline staff-(Khaedu) focusing on service disruptions in line with Occupational Health and Safety measures (incl. Employee Health and Wellness)	All spheres of government and civil society		Government Communications Information Systems & Department of Labour
		13-14 Sept	TSW Opening events	setting the tone for the Annual Thusong Week and raising awareness regarding the vaccination campaign: <b>Capricon District –Molemole;</b>	Thusong Service Centres	Physical event	GCIS
		15 Sept	Ethics Officer Forum	Terms of Reference for the Ethics Officer Forum and Establishment of the Advisory Committee. Risk-Based verification of the financial disclosures (in the context of life-style audit) Conflict of interest Guide Anti-Corruption Youth Competition	Ethics Officers	Virtual	DPSA (TAU)
		16 -17 Sept	TSW Provincial key activities	Integrated Mobile Outreach and Launch of the Hessequa Municipal Youth Centre <b>Cape Winelands district- Witzenberg</b>			

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				Integrated service delivery blitz and Launch of internet WiFi <b>Ilembe district – Maphumulo</b>			
		18 Sept	World clean-up day	World Cleanup Day is an annual global social action program aimed at combating the global solid waste problem, including the problem of marine debris. It is coordinated by the global organization Let's Do It! World.	National	Physical event	FF&E
			International Coastal clean-up day	Annually, on the <b>third Saturday of September</b> , volunteers around the world take part in the world's biggest coastal clean-up –when people head to the beaches and begin removing debris and rubbish from shorelines, waterways, and the oceans.			
7.	<b>Week 4 (19-24 Sept)</b> building capability of the state through professionalisation and heritage	20 Sept	Dialogue on the Public Service Charter	Reflecting on the service charter – creating a conducive environment Public servants emulating the ethos of Charlotte Maxeke through the Public Service Charter	Government departments	Virtual	DPSA in partner with civil society
8.		21 Sept	Master class on building the capability of the state (2030 vision)	The Masterclass considers complexities brought by the Covid-19, and serve as a great opportunity to boost and revive the skills of public servants by challenging them to master core concepts that are applicable to their daily functions.	Government departments (Continental)	Virtual	National School of Government

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9.	Week 5 (27 Sept -03 Oct) Transformation, innovation to improve the effectiveness and	22 Sept	Dialogue on ethics and anti-corruption measures in the Public Service	Launch of TAU Unit on ethics and anti-corruption measures in the Public Service  Dialogue on Anti-Corruption Strategy	Government departments	Virtual	DPSA (TAU)
			World Rhino day	World Rhino Day is a day of awareness for all five rhino species and the work being done to save them This special day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGOs, zoos, and members of the public to celebrate rhinos in their own unique ways.			FF&E
11.		24 Sept	Heritage Event (Public Holiday)	National commemoration	countrywide		Department of Sports, Arts and Culture
12.		27 Sept	Government response on managing technology –digital transformation	Take stock of what government has and is doing to systems to improve service delivery in the midst of the pandemic – discussion of remote working and business continuity.	All spheres of government	Virtual	DCDT & DPSA
			World tourism day	Tourism Month provides a heightened month-long focus on the importance of the sector to the South African economy. United Nations World Tourism Organisation's (UNWTO) <b>World Tourism Day 2021</b> - a day to focus on Tourism for Inclusive Growth- help kickstart recovery and growth.	National	Physical event	Tourism

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13.		28 Sept	Dialogue on Integration of frontline service delivery monitoring	Follow up to the APSD multi sector engagement activity - Presentation of the report from first dialogue and way forward (include DDM)	Government departments	Virtual	DPSA
14.		29 Sept	SMS Conference towards an ethical capable and developmental state	Executive addressing SMS members on their role to attain the mandate to professionalise the Public Service (CLOSING OF PSM)	PS SMS members	Hybrid	DPSA
		30 Sept		Pledge towards the rebuilding of Charlotte Maxeke,			DPSA
17.		30-03 Oct	World Maritime	The World Maritime theme for 2021 will provide the opportunity to focus on seafarers as the people at the heart of shipping, while also allowing for activities to delve into specific topics relevant to the role of the seafarer in safety, maritime security, environmental protection and seafarers' well-being; and the future of seafaring against a backdrop of increased digitalization and automation	National		FF&E