



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Premier Ndlovu to deliver his second State of the Province Address**

The Mpumalanga Premier, Mr Mandla Ndlovu is set to deliver his second State of the Province Address (SOPA) of the 7<sup>th</sup> Administration on Thursday where he will outline amongst others, the targeted interventions to address socio-economic and service delivery challenges.

The SOPA is an annual event, presided over by the Speaker of the Legislature, and is crucial for the Premier to articulate the government's strategic priorities, economic plans, service delivery improvements, infrastructure development initiatives, and state capacity building measures for the upcoming fiscal year.

In addition, the Premier is expected to highlight the recorded progress regarding the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), following the establishment of the Provincial GBVF Committee to curb the scourge.

This year's Address comes as Mpumalanga's unemployment rate declined from 34 to 32.2 percent, according to the latest Quarterly Labour Force Survey released by Statistics South Africa. It is envisaged that Premier Ndlovu will contextualise this progress in line with the priorities of the 7<sup>th</sup> Administration and the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) targets of reducing unemployment and poverty.

Following recent floods that left a trail of devastation in Mpumalanga, SOPA becomes a crucial platform for the Premier to outline the Provincial Government's response, including disaster relief measures and infrastructure repairs.

The Premier's Address will be broadcast live on radio as well as on social media.

The State of the Province Address is scheduled as follows;

**Date:** Thursday, 05 March 2026  
**Time:** 10h00  
**Venue:** Mpumalanga Legislature Chamber, Mbombela

Members of the media wishing to attend the State of the Province Address are invited to send confirmations for accreditations by contacting **Ms Phumla Mokoena** (Office of the Premier) on 060 998 8781 or [Mokoenapi@mpg.gov.za](mailto:Mokoenapi@mpg.gov.za) and **Ms Charlotte**

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