

South Africa's Third Transition: Public Service Reform in Practice

The New South Institute (NSI), the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), and the University of Pretoria invite you to a seminar reflecting on recent developments in public service reform in South Africa.

South Africa has just reached a significant moment in its reform trajectory, with the signing into law of the Public Service Amendment Act. This marks an important shift in how government functions, with implications for accountability, administrative authority, and the long-term project of building a capable public service.

Drawing on NSI's ongoing research, including analysis of PERSAL data, this seminar will explore the demographic, institutional, and human resource strategy dynamics shaping the public service.

The discussion will consider what the evidence reveals about the condition of government, and how current reforms intersect with broader questions of succession planning, professionalisation, and state capacity.

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DATE: Wednesday, 27 May 2026

TIME: 10:00 for 10:30

VENUE: Economic and Management Sciences Building (SPMA Leadership Centre),
University of Pretoria, Cnr Lynwood and University Roads, Hatfield



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