

NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES DISSOLUTION OF COUNCIL

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The National Arts Council of South Africa (NAC) wishes to inform the arts and culture sector and the public that it has received formal correspondence from the Ministry of Sport, Arts and Culture regarding the decision taken by the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Honourable Gayton McKenzie, in terms of Section 5(5) of the National Arts Council Act, 1997, as amended to dissolve the NAC Council with immediate effect.

The NAC respects and acknowledges the Honourable Minister's decision and remains committed to ensuring operational stability and continuity in support of South Africa's arts and culture sector during this transitional period.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, together with executive management, will continue to oversee the day-to-day operations of the organisation and work closely with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture to ensure the uninterrupted implementation of the NAC's programmes and services.

The NAC remains steadfast in its mandate to support and advance the country's creative and cultural industries and wishes to assure stakeholders, artists, practitioners, and the broader sector that every effort is being made to maintain stability, continuity, and service delivery during this process.

Further updates will be communicated as developments unfold.

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