



# **SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR SELEKA HITLER SEKHITLA AS REGISTRAR OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Seleka Hitler Sekhitla as its 5<sup>th</sup> Registrar in terms of section 11(1) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 ("the Act") for a period of five years from 1 May 2024, following the approval by the Minister of Social Development in terms of section 11(3) of the Act on 15 April 2024. Mr Sekhitla has been at the helm of the organisation as the Acting Registrar whilst Council was undergoing the process of the recruitment for a Registrar.

Mr Hitler Sekhitla is registered with the SACSSP as a social worker (registration number 10-23088). He boasts a wealth of knowledge in the social service sector with more than 19 years of experience as a social worker, trade unionist and a manager. His wide experience includes roles as a practicing social worker at the Suid-Afrikaanse Vroue-Federasie (SAVF) and Gauteng Department of Social Development. He also worked for NEHAWU as a National Organiser for Social Development Sector and was the Professional Conduct manager at the SACSSP. He is also a former CCMA Part-time Commissioner.

Mr Sekhitla's unifying character will undoubtedly bring unity and consistency within the South African Council for Social Service Professions.

He holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Pretoria, an Advanced Certificate in Labour Law and Certificates in Human Resource Management, Supply Chain Management, Strategic Management, Financial Management and Public Relations from UNISA, and has obtained his LLB from UNISA in June 2023.

Mr Sekhitla's other prominent roles include serving as a Board Member at the HWSETA between 2010 to 2017 and he served on the Ministerial Committee on the review of the White Paper for Social Welfare. He was appointed to serve on the 4<sup>th</sup> Council in terms of section 5(1)(c)(iv) of the Act from 20 June 2016 and later assumed the duties of a Professional Conduct Manager from 01 November 2017 in the SACSSP's Secretariat, a position he was occupying prior to his appointment as the Registrar.

The SACSSP calls on all social service professionals and stakeholders to join us in congratulating Mr Seleka Hitler Sekhitla on his appointment as the Registrar and to support him in the execution of his duties.

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**ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP/ Council) is a statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act No. 110 of 1978 (the Act). Council has two professional boards under its auspices: the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. Council, in conjunction with its two professional boards, guides and regulates the professions of social work and child youth care work in aspects pertaining to registration; education and training; professional conduct and ethical behaviour; ensuring continuing professional development; and fostering compliance with professional standards. It protects the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration with Council in terms of the Act is a prerequisite before practising social work and child and youth care work. Registration is mandatory for social workers, social auxiliary workers, student social workers, student social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student child and youth care workers, and student auxiliary child and youth care workers.