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Discontent over NPC make-up

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Signs of discontent have already emerged over the 25-member National Planning Commission (NPC) barely a day after President Jacob Zuma released their names on Friday.

Some ANC Youth League leaders claim the list contains people who are aligned to business and the left – labour federation Cosatu and the SA Communist Party.

Cosatu has also complained that the NPC – which will possibly have its first meeting on May 10 – has too many business people.

While welcoming the inclusion of three people it had nominated on the NPC, Cosatu said: “We are concerned that as a whole civil society is under-represented, which raises concerns about whether the national plan will fairly reflect the needs and aspirations of the majority.”

The ANCYL nominee – the party’s national organiser Vusi Mhlongo – failed to make the cut.

A senior ANCYL leader said it was “clear that the party is in charge. That guy, Chris Malokane, is their man and we don’t have our own.” A total of 1 280 people were nominated and only 25 were selected.

Speaking at Friday’s press conference, Minister in the Presidency Trevor Manuel said it was “incredibly difficult” to put together a team like the NPC.

Jennifer Molwantwa

A biotechnology PhD holder from Rhodes University, Molwantwa works for Digby Wells and Associates, where she deals with the impact of mining on surface water quality, its prediction, assessment and monitoring. She also has experience in private and public sector water management and treatment programmes.

Professor Vivienne Taylor

Vivienne Taylor currently teaches social policy and development planning in the social development department at the University of Cape Town, where she is head of department. Her career consists of both national and international development experience spanning more than 30 years, about 20 years of which were at a senior policy or management level. She has worked with the United Nations on the global Commission on Human Security, with governments, in the non-governmental sector and in academia.

She was principal author and researcher of South Africa’s first two Human Development reports sponsored by the UN development programme: Human Development and HIV-Aids in 1998 and Transformation for Human Development in 2000, and has over 60 publications to her name.

Professor CR Malokane

Chris Malokane is Associate Professor of Economics at Wits, Johannesburg. He holds a PhD in Economics obtained from the New School for Social Research, New York, in 1997. He is director of the macro-financial analysis group at the School of Economic and Business Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand.

He was awarded the Edith Henry Johnson Memorial Award for outstanding PhD Dissertation in Economics, New School for Social Research, New York, in 2007.

He has done research into macro-econometrics; monetary economics; financial economics; development economics; the political economy and growth and business cycles.





Cyril Ramaphosa

Ramaphosa is the executive chair of the investment holdings group Shanduka. The former ANC secretary-general and trade unionist sits on the boards of big companies such as MTN, Mondi, SABMiller, and Standard Bank. He is also a serving member of the United Nations Global Leadership Group which advises the UN secretary-general's Special Representative on business and human rights.



Tasneem Essop

She is the international climate policy advocate for the World Wide Fund for Nature in South Africa. She also oversees the organisation's policy development and advocacy in the international climate negotiation process. Essop was involved in the drafting of the NGO Copenhagen Treaty on climate, which was "an NGO proposal that sets the benchmark for what an ambitious new (environmental) treaty should be". She has in the past served as an MEC in Western Cape.



Bridgette Gasa

A business consultant; she holds a string of qualifications in building sciences, project management and general management. She was the first female African president of the Chartered Institute of Building in 2008. In the same year she was the recipient of the science and technology department's award for being a leading woman scientist in industry.



Ihron Rensburg

The former SABC executive currently heads the University of Johannesburg. He was the deputy director-general of education between 1995 and 2001. The Stanford University graduate has also held positions in the National Broadcasting Association, the Southern African Broadcasters Association and African Broadcasting Union.



Mike Muller

The former director-general of the water affairs department serves as a visiting adjunct professor at Wits University's Graduate School of Public and Development Management. He teaches planning and development, and supervises postgraduate research. An engineer by training, Muller co-chairs the United Nations World Water Assessment Programme's Expert Group on Indicators, Monitoring and Databases. He has published on water management and climate change.



Elias Masilela

A graduate of the universities of Swaziland and Addis Ababa, Masilela is an economist. He is currently head of policy analysis at Sanlam, advising the group on policy, legislation, compliance and sectoral developments. Prior to that he headed the social security and retirement reform programme at the National Treasury. He sits on the boards of the SA Reserve Bank and Government Employee Pension Fund, and serves as the lead negotiator for Business Unity SA in Nedlac.



Jerry Vilakazi

He is the chief executive of Business Unity SA, the main organisation that represents business in the country. He also serves as chairperson of private hospital network operator Netcare. Vilakazi is formerly the managing director of the Black Management Forum. He has a couple of degrees, including an MBA.



Vincent Maphai

An academic and businessman, Maphai is a former SA Breweries director and currently chairs the National Responsible Gambling Programme. He is one of the convenors of the Dinokeng Scenarios. As an academic he has held fellowships at universities such as Harvard, Stanford, Oxford and Princeton.



Bobby Godsell

Bobby Godsell is the chairperson of Business Leadership South Africa and co-chairs the Millennium Labour Council. He has strong links with the trade union movement, forged during his days as an executive in the mining industry. The former chairperson of power utility Eskom, who is also the former chief executive of AngloGold Ashanti, has co-authored a number of publications on South Africa and its future.



Noluthando Gosa

Noluthando Gosa is the chief executive of Akhona Properties. She holds directorships in Broll Property Group and Investec Asset Management. She is an MBA graduate of the University of Brunswick in Canada.



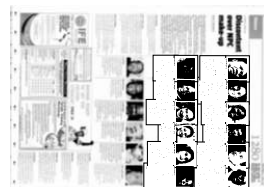
Miriam Altman

Miriam Altman obtained a PhD in economics from the University of Manchester and is currently the executive director of the Centre for Poverty, Employment and Growth at the Human Sciences Research Council. She has extensive experience in competitive benchmarking. Altman has been a senior lecturer at Wits University's Graduate School of Public and Development Management since 1995.



Ms VF Mahlathi

Vuyokazi Felicity Mahlathi is currently completing her PhD at the University of Stellenbosch in competitive rural economies and global markets. She holds an MSc in social policy and planning from the London School of Economics and was the national programme leader for the creation of small enterprise and jobs in the second economy. Mahlathi has held advisory positions to private and public sector institutions including the WK Kellogg Foundation.





Pascal Molo

This former manager of the City of Johannesburg currently heads the Resolve Group, a management consultancy. A graduate of Wits University, he has extensive expertise in local government, change management and institutional design. He was part of government's Project Consolidate, the aim of which was to turn around South Africa's ailing municipalities.



Mohammed Karam

Karam is dean of the faculty of Agri-sciences at the University of Stellenbosch. He has expertise in agri-business management, supply chain management, rural development, and small and medium enterprise development.



Prof MW Makgoba

Malegapuru William Makgoba is the vice-chancellor of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is recognised globally as a molecular immunologist and has received many awards including the 2001 Gold Medal for Outstanding Leadership in Medical Research and the 2002 Science-for-Society Gold Medal of the Academy of Science of South Africa, among others.

In 2006, Makgoba was selected by the World Medical Association as one of 65 Caring Physicians of the World.



Anton Eberhard

Eberhard is a University of Cape Town-based (UCT) academic with an interest in economics, management, restructuring and regulation of infrastructural industries – particularly the electricity and water sectors – in support of sustainable development. He runs a management programme in infrastructure reform at UCT's Graduate School of Business.



Karl von Holdt

This Wits university sociologist has strong associations with the labour movement and the political left. He advised labour federation Cosatu's think-tank, Naledi, between 2001 and 2002. A Wits PhD graduate, he formerly edited the SA Labour Bulletin journal. He has expertise in social cohesion and has been involved in researching areas such as xenophobic violence and service delivery protests.



Professor MM Balintulo

Malusi Balintulo holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Warwick. He has worked extensively as a lecturer in sociology departments both in South Africa and internationally. He has published extensively in academic journals on a wide range of sociology topics since 1974. His recent focus has been on transformation in the higher education sector.

He is currently vice-chancellor and principal of Walter Sisulu University and he serves on numerous boards.

Jerry Coovadia

Coovadia is a paediatrician who has published scholarly papers on a wide range of medical issues. He held various academic and administrative positions before he assumed his current position as scientific director of the Doris Duke Medical Research unit at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, which focuses on reproductive health and HIV/Aids research.

Phillip Harrison

A former development planning and urban management executive director, Harrison chairs the National Research Foundation on Development Planning and Modelling at the University of the Witwatersrand. He commands expertise spatial planning and urban management.

Tandabantu Goba

A former member of Construction Industry Development Board, Goba is a registered civil engineer who set up his own consulting engineering firm.

The company he runs hires more than 500 people and has been involved in award-winning projects, including Johannesburg's Nelson Mandela bridge, the N4 Platinum Toll freeway in North West, the Durban Harbour tunnel and some of the soccer stadiums.

Goba holds engineering degrees from the universities of KwaZulu-Natal and Cornell in the US.

Joel Netshitenzhe

The former ANC policy guru used to run the Policy Co-ordination and Advisory Services in former president Thabo Mbeki's office. He headed the Government Communication and Information Service between 1998 and 2006 and quit the Presidency late last year before his contract expired. A financial economics graduate of the University of London, Netshitenzhe works as an independent researcher and is an executive director of the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection.

