

6 December 2023

Chief Justice Zondo to brief media on the outcomes of the Judges' Conference

The Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Chief Justice R M M Zondo, will host a press conference on 7 December 2023 at 15h30 to brief the media on the outcomes of the Judges' Conference, currently underway and concluding on Thursday, 7 December 2023.

The Judges' Conference, which has been convened by the Chief Justice with the support of the Heads of Court, will discuss matters of interest to the Judiciary in relation to its constitutional role and mandate, under the theme: "Towards a single, effective and fully independent Judiciary".

In line with this theme, one of the purposes of the 2023 Judges' Conference is to provide Judges and Magistrates with a platform to, amongst others, reflect on Judicial independence, as well as discuss issues pertaining to efficiencies in the court system, resourcing and capacitation of the Judiciary, as well as judicial accountability, integrity and ethical conduct of Judicial Officers (Magistrates and Judges).

To facilitate easy access, the media briefing will take place on a hybrid basis, offering members of the media the opportunity to attend in person or join through a virtual platform. Only members of the media who have applied for accreditation will be allowed to attend the media briefing in person.



Members of the media who wish to join the media briefing virtually or in person are requested to submit their names, email address and contact numbers to Ms Lusanda Ntuli at <u>LNtuli@judiciary.org.za</u> by no later than 06 December 2023, 17h00. Indicating if they will be attending in person or virtually.

Those who wish to attend in person must submit an accreditation application, which can be found <u>here</u>, with the same deadline indicated above. Personal information will be processed in line with the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act No. 4 of 2013).

Only members of the media who confirm attendance of the virtual media briefing will be able access the interactive Zoom platform.

Media who previously obtained accreditation for in person attendance need not apply. However they should retain their accreditation cards for access to the conference venue on 7 December 2023.

The media briefing will also be live streamed on the Judiciary RSA YouTube page.

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