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Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal



**2026
JUDICIARY
CONFERENCE**

Theme: Towards a single institutionally independent and accountable Judiciary

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JUDICIARY TO CONVENE 2026 JUDICIARY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF A SINGLE, INDEPENDENT, EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE JUDICIARY

The Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, together with the Heads of Court, will convene the 2026 Judiciary Conference from **13 to 17 July 2026**, in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, bringing together Judicial Officers from across the country to engage on matters critical to the administration of justice and the future of the Judiciary.

Held under the theme “**Towards a Single, Institutionally Independent, and Accountable Judiciary**,” the Conference will provide a platform for Judges and Magistrates to reflect on the constitutional mandate of the Judiciary and discuss measures aimed at strengthening judicial independence, enhancing court efficiency, improving access to justice, and promoting accountability and ethical conduct within the judicial system.

As an independent Arm of State, the Judiciary periodically convenes to deliberate on matters affecting the effective functioning of the courts and the delivery of justice to all people in South Africa. Following a resolution adopted at the Judiciary Conference held in December 2023, it was agreed that such conferences would be convened every two years to facilitate ongoing reflection, collaboration, and strategic planning within the Judiciary. In addition, the Conference will also reflect on the 2023 Conference resolutions and their progress. The Conference will be attended by the leadership of the Judiciary, Judges, Magistrates, and invited international guest speakers.



Members of the media are invited to attend the **opening session of the Conference**, as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 14 July 2026

Time: 09h00 – 11h00

Venue: Premier Hotel, Cnr Herrwood Drive & Umhlanga Boulevard, Umhlanga Ridge, Umhlanga, Durban.

The opening session presents a unique opportunity for the public and members of the media to gain insight into the work of the Judiciary and the important discussions shaping the future of justice in South Africa.

Media representatives wishing to attend are encouraged to confirm their attendance and accreditation requirements with the Office of the Chief Justice by no later than **16h00, 6 July 2026**. No late registrations will be accepted, timeous application is crucial. All accreditation applications will undergo vetting by the State Security Agency (SSA).

To submit accreditation applications submit details via the following link:

<https://www.judiciary.org.za/index.php/news/media-accreditation/media-accreditation-form>

Further details regarding the programme and participating speakers will be communicated in due course.

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