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Auditor-General of South Africa appoints new chief financial officer

PRETORIA – The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) has announced the appointment of Polani Sokombela as its new chief financial officer (CFO), effective 1 March 2022.

He takes over from award winning CFO Ms Bongzi Ngoma, who is now the audit office's head of national audit.

A seasoned chartered accountant, Sokombela has worked his way up through the AGSA since starting his career as a trainee accountant at the organisation in 2007. He moves into the position of CFO from holding the position of business unit leader responsible for the audits of various national departments, including transport and international relations, as well as entities including the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) and Statistics South Africa.

Deputy Auditor-General Vonani Chauke says that Polani's "dedication is what makes him stand out".

"He always puts forth his best effort, and his leadership style ensures he moves ahead with his entire team. I have complete confidence that, under his leadership as our CFO, the finances of the national audit office are in capable hands. I am equally pleased to see that our training and succession strategies are bearing fruit – producing such high-calibre leaders from our ranks who rise to positions where they will help the organisation to be sustainable and continue with its mandate to serve our country without fear, favour or prejudice," adds Chauke.

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Media note: The consolidated general report on the MFMA local government audit outcomes will be available on www.agsa.co.za.

About the AGSA: The AGSA is the country's supreme audit institution. It is the only institution that, by law, has to audit and report on how government is spending taxpayers' money. This has been the focus of the AGSA since its inception in 1911 – the organisation celebrated its 100-year public sector auditing legacy in 2011.