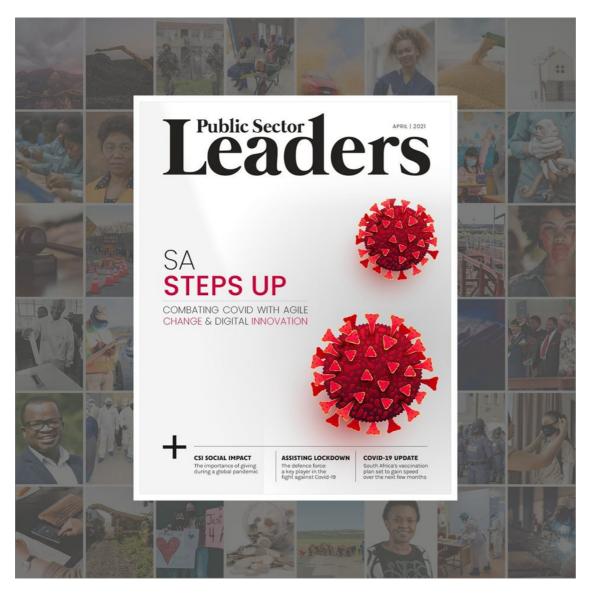


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It is April and we are already a quarter of the way through 2021! As time flies by, it is healthy to pause every now and then from the work at hand and celebrate our achievements - and our potential.



In his most recent letter to the country, From the Desk of the Presidency, our president encourages us to do just that: "Too often, we get caught up in our immediate challenges and lose sight of our true potential. Our country has all of the ingredients that we need for economic success. We only need to recognise these, and put them to use."

It is a busy month for public sector leaders with our president participating in the Extraordinary Double Troika Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community in Maputo, Mozambique; DP Mabuza attended the Liberation Struggle War Veterans meeting; President Ramaphosa and Deputy President Mabuza made an oversight visit to the Aspen Pharmacare sterile manufacturing facility and President Ramaphosa, in his capacity as chairperson, chaired the 30th African Peer Review Forum of Heads of State and Government.





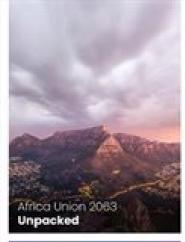
April is, fittingly, Freedom Month, and dedicated to human rights. Freedom Day is the commemoration of the first democratic elections held in South Africa on 27 April 1994 - the first post-Apartheid national elections, which gave birth to our constitutional democracy.

Human rights and constitutional democracy, therefore, are the golden threads which run through this bumper April edition of *Public Sector Leaders*.

Inside this edition:

We celebrate our country's first woman director-general in the Presidency, Phindile Baleni; and provide you with a Covid update as well as a focus on our heroes, the frontliners, including the role the SANDF has played during the pandemic. We look at why, against all predictions, the property market has boomed – and celebrate the fact that schools have opened, at last. It would not be a human rights edition without an update on GBVF and, in our regular feature "Legal Matters", we foreground the Constitutional Court, a pillar in our democracy.

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