



# Secretary General's Report

## Background information

This report intends to cover the period I was co-opted to the Executive. I must also reflect the challenge that we collectively encountered to retrieve the organisation information to provide a holistic account on the organisational performance. However, the summary covered on the period sketched while the missing information would be not much to determine the significant work done.

Since my inception as a co-opted Secretary General, the information captured in this report intends to posture association's strength and weaknesses in the post covid-19 era. As we all know, we are living through unprecedented times.

The Executive Committee has had to carry out its constitutional obligations during this period and has managed to do so in turbulent times. While more could have been achieved as alluded, especially in terms of the envisaged plan of action proposed and developed by members, concrete steps were taken to keep FAPSA alive and working during the pandemic.

It is in this context that this report symbolises an association that is growing but still require an in-depth agenda setting for in line with the challenges faced by the national funding scheme and PSET sector in bordering access through a transformed NSFAS funding that is responsive to the material conditions of students.



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## The Executive at the time of the AGM

The elected executive was put in place at the 2019 conference and was confronted by vacancies as elected members change career. However, the vacuum was never allowed as members were co-opted to fill the vacancies as they exist during the period under review. The elected Executive Committee during the 18<sup>th</sup> FAPSA Conference in 2019. The Executive Committee members that served in 2019-2023 are:

PRESIDENT	Mr Pontso Mosoeu	Tshwane South TVET College
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	Mr Jainendra Maharajh	University of Kwa Zulu Natal
SECRETARY GENERAL	Ms Daphne Nemakhavhani	University of Johannesburg (resigned)
ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL	Ms Khomotso Mohlala	Capricorn TVET College (Nov 22 – Jun 23)
SECRETARY GENERAL	Ms Nthabiseng Khaue	Cape Peninsula University of Technology (co-opted Jun 23)
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL	Ms Khomotso Mohlala	Capricorn TVET College
TREASURER GENERAL	Ms Refilwe Makgae	UNISA (resigned)
TREASURER GENERAL	Ms Gugu Ihenacho	University of Pretoria (co-opt Jun 23)
ADDITIONAL EXCO MEMBER	Mr Kallie Sauls	University of Stellenbosch (Jun 23)
ADDITIONAL EXCO MEMBER	Mr Daniel Aphone	Tshwane South TVET College (Jun 23)
ADDITIONAL EXCO MEMBER	Mr Kgaje Lecholo	NC Urban TVET College



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## Narrative on vacancies filled and operational constraints

- In the interest of transparency and embedding a notion of openness, it is important for this AGM to note the following movements that affected the membership of the Exco and association's operational constraints.
- Ms Mohlala became the acting Secretary General in November 2022 after Ms D Nemakhavhani resigned. As the organisation, we extend our gratitude to Ms Nemakhavhani for dedication during the period she spend in the Exco in the period under review.
- In 2023, the Executive Committee struggled to function after the resignation of Ms Makgae, Treasurer General due to personal circumstances. The remaining Executive Committee was compelled to co-opted Ms N. Khaue (SG), Ms G Ihenacho (TG) and additional members to the committee Mr Sauls and Mr Aphane to fill the vacant positions.
- The hand over has not been an easy process and lots of fixing of our administration emanating from the past so that we have an association with solid process and procedure as an established organisation.
- The Executive Committee met regularly in constructive and productive meetings in the preparation of 2023 FAPSA 19 Conference in July 2023. The FAPSA engagements with institutions and NSFAS meetings were mainly held online via Microsoft Teams, following the implementation of lockdown protocols. Minutes of all the meetings are available from the secretariat on request.



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## Concluding remarks

FAPSA, since 2001, has always played a pivotal role in determining what the Best Practices and Processed would be in assisting Financial Aid Offices, and in assisting NSFAS and Donors alike in the management, administration, and allocation of funds within the industry.

The past few years turned out to be some of the most challenging years within the industry since the inception of FAPSA. As Exco hoping that there will be much more constructive engagements with stakeholders on funding in general especially with NSFAS where we can find better solutions and reshaping of our processes for the benefit of all parties.

We were also hoping that NSFAS regards FAPSA as key stakeholder and forefront of funding matters and convene quarterly meetings and build the communication. It is expected that the next term would focus on the association's renewal and invest on strategies that would be an ally in the PSET sector and reconnect with NSFAS at the level of the board. This is necessary for re-establishing the association influence through effective professional voice for the student funding in PSET sector.

*Complied by*

**Nthabiseng Khaue**  
**Secretary General (co-opted)**