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The South Africa National Migration Symposium (SAN-MIS) is a landmark initiative led by the Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation in partnership with the Wits School of Governance and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Established as an annual platform for inclusive, evidence-based dialogue, SAN-MIS brings together policymakers, academics, civil society, migrant and host communities, diplomatic missions, and international partners to engage on one of the most pressing issues shaping South Africa and the African continent. The symposium seeks to promote informed public discourse, strengthen social cohesion, and generate practical policy recommendations that support safe, regular and humane migration while addressing the challenges associated with irregular migration.

The inaugural symposium focuses on the theme, "Social Cohesion between Nationals and Migrants in South Africa", reflecting the urgent need to address growing social tensions and their implications for community stability, regional relations and South Africa's position within Africa. Through constructive dialogue, research-informed discussions and the sharing of lived experiences, the symposium aims to identify practical interventions that foster coexistence, counter misinformation, and strengthen social inclusion. By creating a trusted platform for engagement, SAN-MIS contributes to Parliament's role in inclusive national dialogue while positioning South Africa as a leading voice on migration governance and social cohesion on the continent.

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Programme Director: Professor Themba Maseko

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
09h30-10h00	Arrival, Registration and Tea	
10h00-10h10	Opening Address and Statement of Objectives	Hon. SOR Mahumapelo MP Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation Parliament of RSA
10h10-10h20	Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation: Perspective on Migration and Parliamentary Diplomacy	Hon. SOR Mahumapelo MP Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation Parliament of RSA
10h20-10h40	Evidence-Based Research on Migration in South Africa Migration in South Africa	Associate Professor, Jo Vearey University of the Witwatersrand Mr Na'eem Jeenah Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA)
10h40-10h50	UN System and the Global Migration Phenomenon	Mr Nelson Maffuh UN Resident Coordinator
10h50-11h00	International Frameworks Relating to Migration in the South African Context	Mr Yitna Getachew IOM Chief of Mission, South Africa
11h00-11h10	Statement on involvement of Think Tanks in migration	Professor Eddy Maloka Wits School of Governance
11h10-11h20	Reflection on Statistical Figures Pertaining to Migration in South Africa	Mr Risenga Maluleke Statistician-General

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11h20-11h40	Statements by Departments	Deputy Minister T. Moraka Government of South Africa
11h40-12h00	Statement by Diaspora Migrant Groups	Mr Thifulufheli Sinthumule Director- Consortium of Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA) Mr Zoe Nkongolo Director- Africa Unite
12h00-13h00	Facilitated Interactive Session	Professor Eddy Maloka Wits School of Governance
13h00-13h10	Statement by the Diplomatic Corps on Migration Challenges Facing South Africa	Excellencies
13h10-13h20	Recommendations	Professor Eddy Maloka Wits School of Governance
13h25-13h30	Closing Remarks	Parliament
13h35-13h45	Group Photo	All
13h45-	Lunch and interviews	All