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**ADDRESS BY ACTING MEC, HONOURABLE BONGIWE SITHOLE  
MOLOI, MPL, ON THE TABLING OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET VOTE FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE – VOTE 10**

**DATE: 20 APRIL 2023**







# MADAME SPEAKER,

Madame Speaker; **Honourable Nontembeko Boyce**  
Deputy Speaker; **Honourable Themba Mthembu**  
Honourable Premier; **Nomusa Dube-Ncube**  
Leader of Government Business; **Honourable Sboniso Duma**  
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Honourable Members  
Distinguished Guests, Business Leaders,  
Members of the Arts and Creative Industries,  
Leadership of the Sport Federations and  
Recreation Entities  
Members of the Media,  
Ladies and Gentlemen



## INTRODUCTION

Madam Speaker, as I rise to deliver this Budget Vote, it is with a distinct sense of understanding that the challenges we face as a province and a country, however precarious they seem, means that we are always required to up the ante in our quests to improve the lives of our citizens.

It thus cannot be business as usual if we stand any chance of mitigating even bigger challenges brought about by the socio-economic situation we are often confronted with.

Madame Speaker; we deliver this budget under the theme: Towards A Sustainable Sport Development That Harnesses An Inclusive, Renewed and Prosperous Arts And Culture. We are saying this with Nelson Mandela in mind who once said: “As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same”.

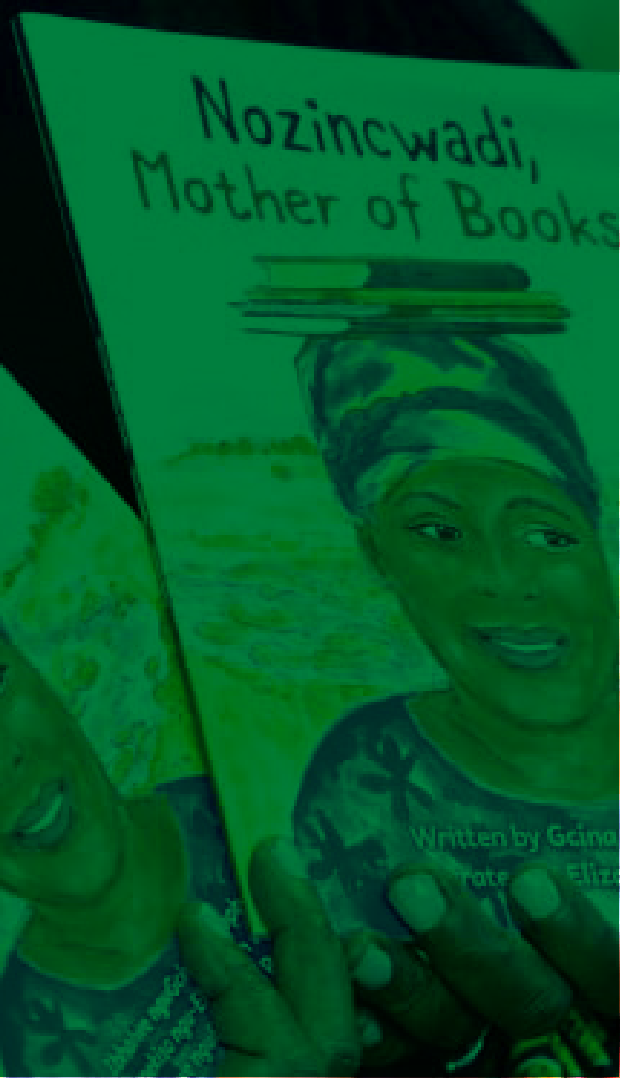
Madame Speaker, that is why I am humbled by this opportunity to present the 2023-24 budget for the newly amalgamated Department of Sport, Arts and Culture. This budget vote is not only about presenting budget figures, but it is a presentation of the programme of action that will make an impact in changing the lives of our people for the better. It is about positioning the sport, arts and culture sectors to play their critical roles in nation building, social cohesion, youth development, employment creation and economic growth.

We stand here to today to deliver this Vote 10 Budget Vote for one of the most critical government departments in the Provincial Government – Sport, Arts and Culture, literally the new kid on the block. Our work is made even more challenging by the fact that we also place at heart our vital role of mobilising communities not only through social cohesion, but sport as a unifier and , arts and culture as a way to showcase our talent and a sense of belonging and heritage as a nucleus of our identity.

I also wish to agree with the Premier of our Province Honourable Nomusa Dube-Ncube that it is important for KwaZulu-Natal government to work collaboratively and strengthen coordination. We just cannot afford to work in silos. For us, it cannot and can never be business as usual. We must account for each rand from taxpayers and our work must speak to the service delivery that our people so desperately need and an emancipation vehicle from the throngs of poverty.

This budget vote is taking place on 20 April, a day that marks one of the significant milestones in the history of building South Africa as a nation united in its diversity. It was on this day in 1994 that a proclamation was issued adopting the new South African flag and Nkosi Sikelela iAfrika as a national anthem, together with Die Stem, paving the way for the first democratic elections on 27 April 1994. With April being Freedom Month, and in line with the national theme for this month, “Consolidating and Safeguarding Democratic Gains”, we are reminded of the importance of preserving our liberation history and the value of the freedoms that we have today. In this regard, as part of nation building and social cohesion exercise, the Department will put more effort in promoting the recognition of our national symbols. We will utilise the Framework on School Sport, Arts and Culture that we signed with the Department of Education last year to foster national pride among our children, including the “I am the flag campaign”. I will give more details on this programme later.

At this time of uncertainty and upheaval, our nation needs us in the sport, arts and culture spheres to take centre stage and play our roles in uplifting the mood of the people of our Province.



Written by Gcina  
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## AT THIS STAGE

let me take this opportunity to reflect on the highlights of what we have achieved over the recent past.

- We have continued our crusade to provide sport and arts facilities for our communities. We have completed the construction and handed over the **KwaMsane Sports Complex** in Mtubatuba which is a multi-sport venue with football field, combination courts, cricket practice nets, BMX track and outdoor gym, as well as a state of the art high performance centre. This is a model facility that is being replicated in other districts in order to decentralise the provision of high performance service training to be available at local level.
- We are happy to report that, after months of delays, the state of the art **Dukuduku Standard Library** was completed and handed over to the community. We have also handed over the three modular libraries in Denny Dalton (Ulundi), KwaNkosi Khumalo (Emadlangeni) & Franklin (Greater Kokstad). Coupled with this we have intensified the learn to read campaign partnering with renowned story tellers, Dr Gcina Mhlophe and Inyosi Mdletshe. We have continued with the provision of internet services at 164 libraries as well as provision of library services to the Blind at 38 libraries.
- We have revised the **Memorandum of Agreement** and developed the Integrated Strategic Framework for School Sport for the implementation of sport, arts and culture programmes in all KwaZulu-Natal schools. The framework compels educators, coaches, and community volunteers to deliver quality and effective programmes for school sport, arts and culture programmes. This includes setting aside Thursday as the dedicated day for the playing of school sport, arts and culture programmes.
- At the beginning of the month our Province hosted the **CAF African Schools Football Tournament**, Edendale Technical School U16 girls team represented Southern Africa, together with Clapham High School from Gauteng. It was the second year in a row for the Pietermaritzburg school to reach the finals of the continental schools tournament. Although they did not have a good tournament in Durban, however, the Edendale girls deserve praise for their effort and achievement.
- **Nonkululeko Mlaba and Shabnam Ismail** were selected from the **KZN Cricket's Rural Hub Development and Township Cricket programme** to represent South Africa in the recent ICC Women's T20 World Cup played in Cape Town. Both ladies featured in the final against Australia with Shabnam Ismail being ranked 3rd in the ICC ODI Rankings.
- KZN boxers **Thandolwethu Mathiba (50kg), Lethokuhle Sibisi (54kg), and Commonwealth bronze medallist Phiwokuhle Mnguni (57 kg)** represented South Africa at the **IBA World Championship** held in New Delhi, India from 14-26 March 2023.

On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our artists **Zakes Bantwini and Nomcebo Zikode** who, together with **Wouter Kellerman**, won the **Grammy Award for the Best Global Music Performance** in the Global Music category for their hit Bayethe.





# DECENTRALISATION OF SERVICES

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## DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

Madam Speaker, in the spirit of implementation of the District Development Model, we have taken a deliberate decision to decentralise more of our services for implementation at district centres of operation. We want our programmes to make a meaningful impact to our communities, as we are striving to “Leave No One Behind”. KwaZulu-Natal Province is rich with cultural, artistic, and sporting traditions. Our goal is to promote growth by aligning our plans with the National Sport and Recreation Plan (NSRP) and the Creative Industries Master Plan (CIMP), both of which provide comprehensive strategies for their respective sectors. We will prioritise local sports development through the Siyadlala programme and support local stakeholders to champion sporting programmes.

Our goal is to create a thriving sports culture in our province and provide opportunities for young athletes to showcase their talents. The investment in sports and cultural industries will benefit the local economy and promote social cohesion and community development. Our efforts include organising events and workshops to provide opportunities for skills development, talent showcase, and support local organisations that share our vision. Investing in the arts, sports, culture, and heritage is vital for the growth and well-being of our communities.

We will undertake four key initiatives to uplift our local artists and creative professionals, including skills training for those entering their respective fields. Our partnership with the Small Enterprise Development Agency will introduce the Business in Arts Skills Programme across all 11 districts in our province. Additionally, we have allocated **R10 million** for a specialised programme targeting rural communities, women, youth, and disabled arts and cultural practitioners, creating job opportunities for 300 local artists.

Our Ward-Based Public Arts Initiative and Ward-Based Sports Programmes present unique opportunities for artists, designers, athletes, and cultural experts, generating employment and enhancing our region’s cultural landscape. District offices will oversee a wide range of training programmes, working with our art centres to amplify their impact throughout the province.

We believe that investing in the Cultural and Creative Industries sector will boost our economy and enrich our society with diverse and innovative ideas. With this budget plan, we are committed to building a sustainable future for our province and its people.

## SCHOOL SPORT MOA & INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK

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In an effort to fast-track transformation in sport and arts sectors, the Department is prioritising the implementation of school sport and arts programmes in the Province.

Last year the Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture and Education, revised the existing Memorandum of Agreement and developed the Integrated Strategic Framework for School Sport. The two departments are jointly responsible for the implementation of the school sport, arts and culture programme, including provision of adequate resources. The programme allows for both intramural and extramural activities with a three-season annual school sport plan.

The Framework proposes that school sport is delivered through all seven participation levels: intra-school, inter-school, area or circuit level, district level, provincial level and national level and international level. It calls on the DoE to have a dedicated day for physical education and training and implementation of sporting codes, which is Thursday from noon onwards.

In 2022/23, 479 schools benefitted from the provision of sport equipment and attire with 36 394 learners participating in district school sport tournaments.

In 2023/24, the Department plans to provide 450 schools with sport equipment and attire to conduct school sport activities and encourage learners to participate in intra and inter-school leagues and tournaments. A total of 160 School Sport co-ordinators will be employed on contract, to provide assistance with programmes in schools, clusters and wards. Training will be provided to 600 educators and volunteers in coaching, technical officiating and team management. Approximately 26 000 learners are being targeted to compete at the district tournaments. Support will continue to be given to partnerships with the private sector such as with Build-It, in offering the under 13 football and netball developmental programmes and project with other public enterprises to develop school sport. The programme will involve over 1 750 U13 learners in 12 District Tournaments. 12 Sport Ambassadors (ex-professionals) will be involved in the programme.

Focus will once more be on the provision of competitions to unearth football talent to participate in the CAF Schools Football Tournaments in Africa.

In 2023/24, the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture has set aside R40, 6 million from the Mass Participation Conditional Grant for the implementation of school sport. An additional R10 million will be allocated through the equitable share. The **R50,6 million** will not be sufficient to sustain the three season (Autumn, Winter and Summer Games) National School Sport Programme and additional resources need to be committed from the Department of Education.

The Department will focus on information campaigns to increase knowledge and understanding of national symbols among learners at school. The programme includes the roll out of the “I am the flag” campaign.

## PROVISION OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Delivery of sport, arts and culture related infrastructure for rural areas remain a focus area for the Department. This includes the establishment of libraries, community arts centres, sport facilities, SMME's and other arts and culture infrastructure.

The Department is targeting to complete three (3) facilities in 2023/24 Financial year namely: Ofabeni Study Library, KwaMdakane Standard Library as well as Winston Churchill Theatre. The department will continue to fund the construction of five (5) libraries around the province for different municipalities namely: uMzombe Library, KwaDlangezwa Library, Endaleni Library, Pomeroy Library as well as Lubisi Library.

In addition, the rehabilitation of three (3) Arts Centres and three (3) libraries is planned to commence in 2023/2024 financial year. These are uThungulu, Osizweni and Mbazwana Arts centres. Under Library Services the following three (3) libraries will be renovated: Jozini, Ndumo and Wasbank libraries.

The Department will also construct 33 minor sport facilities in 2023/24 financial year. These include 22 combo courts for a budget **R16 million** and play gyms for early childhood development. A total budget of **R192 million** is set aside for infrastructure development projects.



Are you scared of the dark? Did you feel nervous on your first day of school? Have you ever got lost? How do you feel? Meet Olvie, Ben, Hugo and Jack, and what they do when they feel scared.

The Storybook reader, cards and board are designed to help young children understand and cope with feelings of fear or uncertainty, and the feelings they experience. Simple stories and suggestions help to help children, their parents and guides.





# ARCHIVES SERVICES

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## AUDIO-VISUAL REPOSITORY: A MILESTONE

This year, the KwaZulu-Natal Archives has reached a new milestone in our undertaking to transform the KwaZulu-Natal Archives into a truly “Archives for All” facility. The Archives and Records Service has launched a new Audio-Visual Channel that brings the archives closer to the people. This innovative new platform provides the public with access to a vast collection of oral history interviews and audio-visual content, making them available online for the first time.

The Audio-visual Channel represents a significant step towards modernising the field of archiving in South Africa and places KwaZulu-Natal at the forefront of innovation in the Archive sphere. The Department will also pilot a new Stakeholder Archive Data backup programme, aimed at assisting selected stakeholder institutions and organisations to safely store a backup copy of their digital Archive data. The preservation of the province's historical records is of the utmost importance to the KwaZulu-Natal Archives, and we would like to make our expertise accessible to those in the Archive sector.

The Department purchased the audio-visual storage equipment at the cost **R600 thousand** in the 2022/23 Financial Year.

## NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND ORDERS

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National symbols are regarded as a way of marking a country's national sovereignty and are collectively used as a rallying point for national unity, cohesion and national pride. The Archives directorate continues to lead the “I am the flag Campaign”.

While all the national symbols are important and ought to be respected, the National Flag is a foremost symbol of our national identity as a nation, including our shared history, heritage and aspirations.

The importance of any national flag finds its true meaning in how much the nationals appreciate and value it. The Department Sport, Arts and Culture has a responsibility to encourage the citizens of KwaZulu-Natal to embrace the National Flag as an element of reconciliation among all who live in KZN. We highlight the flag's importance in displaying diversity, unity, and national pride.

This responsibility has, however, found its way into the MOA between the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and the Department of Education which seeks to promote teaching of South African National Symbols and install South African Flags in all public schools.

Budget for “I am the flag campaign” is **R500 thousand** in this current Financial Year.





## MUSEUM SERVICES

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The upgrade on KwaDukuza Museum is almost completed, and the Department transferred a portion of R10 million towards the upgrading of the Museum. The Department is currently assisting KwaDukuza Museum with developing new exhibitions that will be installed by the end of the financial year.

The Department will continue to provide funding to 41 affiliated Museums, for this financial year. The Department will transfer **R12, 220 million** to local Municipalities and **R5,147 million** to Museums that are managed by Board of Trustees for the provisioning of salaries and operational costs.

In pursuing the government's agenda of Social Cohesion and Nation Building, Museum Service will stage exhibitions which consciously take into consideration accessibility for people with various forms of disabilities. The first exhibition related to the Comrades Marathon is highlighting how sport has multiple purposes beyond physical exertions and competition. The second is focused on commemorating Inkosi Langalibalele of Amahlubi mainly in resisting the colonial power in land dispossession and control. The third is showing the multiple victories of the Zulus over and above the Isandlwana battle in commemoration of the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879.

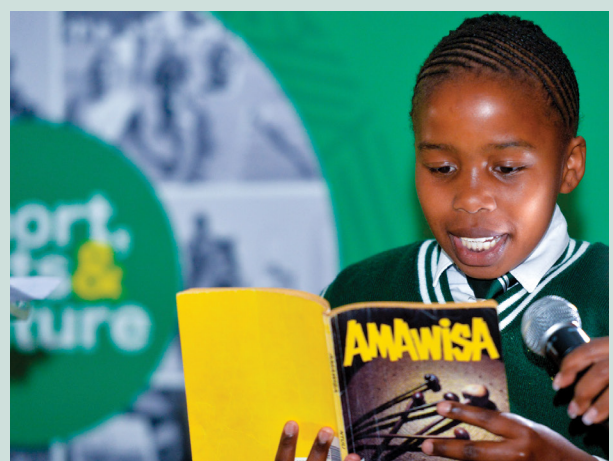
## LANGUAGE SERVICES

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The Department remains committed to promote indigenous languages. As such, projects such as International Translation Day and International Mother Language Day form part of our calendar of events this year.

The KZN Use of Language Policy is in the process of being reviewed in the current financial year. Extensive research will be conducted on the implementation of the current KZN Use of Official Languages Policy. In line with literature development and promotion, the department will assist aspirant writers through book writing competitions, as well as, publishing their work. Under the One Township One Book and One Village One Book initiative, the Department targets to support five writers from both townships and villages, in this financial year. In this regard, writers will be commissioned to conduct research on the following areas: Groutville, KwaSokhulu, Kokstad, Mkhumbane and Edendale.

Language coordinating structures such as the KwaZulu-Natal Geographical Names Committee will continue to receive financial and administrative support from the department in recognition of their role in developing languages. The total allocation for Language Services is **R21.6 million**





# SPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (VULNERABLE GROUPS)

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The Department will continue to streamline and support programmes for vulnerable groups. This will be done through dedicated programmes in different sporting codes.

The continued support of disability sport reflects itself in the performance in major sport events such as the Paralympics. Our commitment to support the empowerment of women, youth, and people with disabilities, reflects our resolve to mainstream and institutionalise these focus areas so that related initiatives are adequately resourced and implemented.

The department is committed to supporting district and community structures that provide support for people with disability and the implementation of district games for people with disability in seven codes of sport. These District Games will culminate in the Provincial Disability Games which will be held in November to coincide with Disability Month.

In addition, the school sport programmes cater for learners with special educational needs. Goalball, a sport for the visually impaired, is one of the priority codes of the Department and forms part of the school sport championships. The Department also supports sport federations that are structured to support programmes for people with a disability. Amongst those that will be supported in 2023 are KZN Wheelchair Basketball, KZN Association for the Physically Disabled, SASSA ii (intellectually impaired), KZN Blind Cricket, Para Swimmers and Surfers, KZN Deaf Sport Federation.

The Department will support disability sport to the value of **R10,3 million** through transfer payments and goods and services in the 2023/24 financial year.

Our programmes in 2023/24 will prioritise the mainstreaming of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in all programmes of the sport, arts and culture. As such the department has set aside a target of 75 percent of its procurement spend for historically disadvantaged individuals, of which 40 percent for women, 30 percent youth, two percent for persons with disability and 2 percent for military veterans.

# GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVF)

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Our country continues to face alarming rates of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) despite the strides made by government and civil society to address this scourge.

The Department's programme on GBVF focuses on strengthening initiatives on engaging boys and men in the promotion of women's empowerment and gender equality. Disruptor dialogues will be rolled out to take us all out of our comfort zones. Strengthening partnerships at all levels in both the government and private sector is very important if we as a country are to win this war. The partnership with non-governmental organisations like LoveLife is critical at all major school sport events to assist delivering these initiatives.

The aim of the initiatives is to intensify multi-sectoral partnerships and integration of projects with NPOs, the private sector and communities. Different sectors of society, including civil society, will participate in the implementation of these initiatives to improve the economic empowerment of women and the prevention of GBVF.

# JOB CREATION

The department is committed to initiating several interventions to ensure more people get opportunities to share in the economy. The department aims to reduce its current vacancy rate by ensuring that critical vacant posts are filled. Over the medium term, the department planned on creating job opportunities in the sport, and cultural and creative industries sectors.

In 2023/24, the department will make an allocation of **R2,0 million** to the KZN Sport Confederation for the employment of sport ambassadors (legends and ex-professionals) to serve as mentors, talent scouts and coaches at the ward level and to support the school sport and club development programme.

We have set ourselves a target of 400 jobs that will be created through the Mass Participation Conditional Grant, EPWP Social Sector Incentive Grant and the equitable share. Additional jobs as coaches, development officers, administrators will be created by sport federations and other entities that receive financial support through Transfer payments. These jobs created by the Federations will assist in fast-tracking our transformation agenda with coaches, development officers and mentors/scouts being placed in hubs in wards and clusters across the province. Jobs funded through the Conditional Grant are contract based for a year and youth will be employed as school sport coordinators, healthy lifestyle coordinators, club coordinators and sport assistants at ward and cluster levels. The department received **R2,3 million** from the EPWP Social Sector Incentive Grants for provinces and a further **R9,0 million** from the Mass Participation Conditional Grant for job creation. In addition, the department received a 7% allocation of **R7,1 million** from the Mass Participation Conditional Grant for the employment of sport assistants at district and head office level on a long-term to support the grant funded programmes. **R1,9 million** is committed from the equitable share in 2023/24 for the employment of sport assistants on contract.



# ENHANCING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF SPORT BY HOSTING MAJOR EVENTS

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The department will support 15 major sport events that include boxing tournaments, high-profile football and netball matches and major road running, cycling and canoeing races, to lend support to the sport tourism sector. The International Table Tennis Federation and World Individual Table Tennis Championship, COSAFA Cup, Comrades Marathon, Amashova Durban Classic Cycle Race, Dusi Canoe Marathon, Durban International Marathon (incorporating the SA Marathon Championships), KZN Premier's Cup and Dundee July are some of the major sporting events to be supported by the department. Major arts and culture programmes to be implemented includes the Signature Event, Imikhosi kaZulu and the Provincial Choral Music Festival.

## WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Today marks **30 days** before the Province of KwaZulu-Natal host the 2023 World Individual Table Tennis Championships at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre on 20-28 May, and preparations are well underway. The tournament will be hosted in partnership with the International Table Tennis Federation, South African Table Tennis Board, National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, eThekweni Municipality and the KZN Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

The World Table Tennis Championships Finals is the largest and most prestigious Table Tennis event held annually and will attract over 500 million viewers globally. The World Table Tennis Championships Finals will be hosted over seven days with top players from over 200 countries representing their respective countries. The event will generate extensive media coverage and spectator interest. The local organising committee will endeavour to ensure that the tournament leaves a lasting legacy, through focussed attention on developing table tennis at schools and communities.

The total budget for the 2023 World Individual Table Tennis Championships is estimated to be R72 952 888. The commitment from the Department is **R3,3 million** with the ITTF, National DSAC, eThekweni Municipality and the SATTB being the other major contributors to this event.

## NETBALL WORLD CUP 2023

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The Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 will be the sixteenth staging of the premier competition in international netball, contested every four years. The tournament will be held from Friday, 28 July to Sunday, 6 August at the International Convention Centre in Cape Town.

Whilst, the event is in Cape Town, the Department will use it to showcase the talent in our Province and also unite our people behind a representative Team South Africa.



We are pleased that the province will be the first recipient of the Netball World Cup trophy on the African soil. The trophy will arrive at the King Shaka International Airport on 25 May 2023 and be taken through a tour of all districts. The trophy will leave the province on 29 May 2023. The KZN Netball Association, in partnership with the Department and the KZN Sport Confederation are implementing netball activations throughout the Province to get the public behind the Netball World Cup, under the hashtag #KusekhayaLa, meaning this is home.

## COSAFA CUP

The Province is in its final year of the 3-year agreement to host the COSAFA Tournaments in eThekweni in partnership with eThekweni Municipality and the Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs.

The tournament boasts participation from the 14 SADC member states. There are three tournaments scheduled for 2023 - the COSAFA Cup Men's Tournament, the COSAFA Women's Champions League Tournament and the COSAFA Beach Soccer Tournament. As part of the COSAFA Cup the following developmental initiatives are planned this year - referee's course, advanced administrators and management course for all 11 regions of SAFA in the province, Fast Footie youth football festival and a 15-day CAF C-License Coaching Course.

## COMRADES MARATHON

After the success of the 95th Comrades Marathon in 2022, the Comrades Marathon Association has announced that the 2023 Comrades Marathon will be run on Sunday, 11 June 2023 and will once again be a down-run. This race is not just a proudly KZN event but one of international significance; and it continues to attract the world's best ultra-runners to our shores and maintain Durban's status as South Africa's sporting playground.

The department will contribute **R1,3 million** towards the race in 2023 and this will include support for indigent runners through provision of accommodation and meals the night before the race. In a past study, the race had more than 70% of its participants coming from outside the local region and thus we anticipate the race will bring many socio-economic benefits to the Province.

On the eve of the Comrades Marathon, the Department will once again host the KZN Youth Run with the aim of exposing thousands of youth from all district to road running experience and to experience the Comrades fever.





# SIGNATURE EVENT (KZN MULTI-GENRE MUSIC FESTIVAL)

As part of ongoing efforts to assist the recovery of the arts and culture sectors, the Department initiated the establishment of a Signature Event which has been hosted successfully over the past two years. In 2022-23 the event benefitted 96 performing artists from different Districts, 50 bead works, 8 Publishers and 12 Fashion Designers. Funding for this is through a Conditional Grant from the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and voted funds.

The Department will continue to implement this programme as an important intervention for the struggling arts sectors, with the aim of making necessary improvements.

## DUNDEE JULY

The Dundee July has evolved not only into a leading traditional horse racing event in the province, but has become a platform for arts and cultural showcase as well as a major contributor to economic growth for the region. With over 20 000 people expected to attend, a melting pot of talent will be on offer, benefiting not only jockeys and horse owners but a host of other beneficiaries within the value chain.

The event will feature a week-long build up programme, starting with a beauty pageant, career exhibition, fashion show, multi-cultural parade, 10-highly contested horse races and an overnight music festival. We are also expecting a progressive increase in the stake money, to make it a worthwhile investment for horse owners.

## IMIKHOSI KAZULU

Culture is an integral component of the processes of development, but also plays a facilitative role in the unfolding of the developmental process. Culture also seeks to inform and contribute to nation-building efforts. In collaboration with the Royal Household, the Department will host Imikhosi kaZulu, as part of interventions to strengthen the Social Cohesion and Moral Regeneration in the province.

These include Umkhosi Womhlanga, Umkhosi weLembe, Umkhosi KaNomkhubulwane, Umkhosi Woselwa, Umkhosi WamaGanu and uMkhosi WaSesandlwana. These ceremonies are not just about cultural celebrations, but are important occasions that make a meaningful contribution to local economic development and tourism.





# KZN AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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Over the past year, Amafa has engaged in several initiatives aimed at preserving the heritage of the province. These include the rehabilitation of the Harry Gwala National Heritage Site and the declaration as National Heritage sites the gravesites of Harry Gwala, Mama Eida Gwala and Lulu Gwala.

In partnership with the Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the Institute hosted the Mambazo Week programme in Ladysmith to commemorate the legacy of Professor Joseph Shabalala. Part of the programme was the exhibition of the 5 Grammy Awards that were won by the Group; a memorial lecture dedicated to the life of Prof Shabalala and a tribute by the Ladysmith Black Mambazo. In order to promote social cohesion, the Institute, working with Kokstad Municipality, hosted a heritage festival to commemorate the life of the Griqua leader, Adam Kok III, in Kokstad. Such a festival is expected to be an annual commemoration that has a potential to contribute to growth of the heritage economy in the southern part of the Province.

In 2023/24, the Department will transfer an amount of **R57,354 million** to the KZN Amafa and Research Institute. These funds will assist the entity to deliver a number of critical programmes in the province.

The year 2023 marks 100 years since Moses Mabhida was born. In order to commemorate his centenary, Amafa Institute will produce a short biography of Mabhida. In addition, Amafa Institute, working with the Department, will facilitate a centenary lecture in October 2023, a month when he was born. His gravesite, located at the Heroes Acre in Pietermaritzburg, will be declared a heritage site.

To commemorate grassroots struggles by ordinary people, 2023 marks 40 years since the outburst of local resistance in the township of Lamontville. Amafa Institute will declare sites associated with the 1983 boycotts and a gravesite of Msizi Dube, as Provincial Heritage Sites. In 2002, the remains of Anton Lembede, the first African National Congress Youth League president were brought to his home province and was laid in the area of eMbumbulu. The entity will declare the gravesite as a Provincial Heritage Site and rehabilitate it in honour of the contribution he made to the change in the direction of the liberation movement in South Africa.

In addition, memorials are planned for the following individuals:

- Mafika Gwala, a struggle activist, poet / writer.
- Anton "Mfenendala" Xaba, a liberation activist and stalwart of the liberation movement
- Inkosi Mtubatuba Mkhwanazi
- Mounting a memorial where the remains of Inkosi Langalibalele of AmaHlubi were entered in 1889.

This is part of the Department's commemoration of the 150 years of the Langalibalele Rebellion in 1873.

RW Msimang remains one of the forgotten heroes in the annals of the country's history. Msimang was a constitutionalist and was a leader of a team of lawyers who wrote the first constitution of the African National Congress in 1922. Amafa Institute will work with the Msimang family to facilitate the repatriation of his remains from Soweto cemetery to KZN.

The house where stalwarts Victoria and Griffiths Mxenge lived at Umlaza is a testament of selfless dedication to the struggle for the liberation of South Africa. Working with the Mxenge family, Mxenge Trust and eThekweni Municipality, the house will be declared a heritage site. Once the modalities of transferring it to the ownership of the Trust are finalised, the house will be refurbished and turned in to a museum.

Amafa Institute will declare the gravesites of the stalwarts Alzina Zondi and Jabu Ndlovu as Provincial Heritage Sites. In addition, short biographies of Alzina Zondi and Jabu Ndlovu will be produced.

A total of 30 youth will be granted cadetships over a two year period. In addition, 400 short term job opportunities will be created to maintain heritage sites throughout the Province.

This government is committed to transform the heritage landscape and ensure that heritage is what people consider as important. In order to realise this the MEC will issue a call to the people of KwaZulu-Natal to identify places they consider important and should be added to list of heritage sites in the Province.

# ARTS DEVELOPMENT

In this 2023-2024 the Department will continue with the projects like District and Provincial Choral Music Competition at a budget of **R2,4million**, District and Provincial Theatre Festival at **R800 thousand**, Fashion Training, Visual Arts Training, Intellectual Property Rights Workshops, Mobile Exhibitions and exposing our crafters and artists on all our Municipal, Provincial, National, African and International events as a means of showcasing our KZN talent in the Cultural and Creative at a budget of **R2,5million**.

The Department has completed the renovation of KZN Music House, we are now focusing on internet connectivity, telephones, air-conditioning and system upgrade for the purpose of making the Institution functional in this Financial Year a budget of R8million is allocated for this project.

We also support the Cultural Institutions and Art Centres like The Playhouse Company, KZN Philhamonic Orchestra, Bat Centre, Durban Music School, Ekhaya Multi Art Centre, Ewushwini, Gobhela Art Centre, Bulwer Art Centre, Osizweni Art Centre, Rorkes Drift, Indonsa Art Centre, Mbazwana Art Centre and Winston Churchill Theatre. The budget allocated for the Cultural Institutions and Art Centres is **R18,419million**.

We also support Arts and Culture organisation like East Griqualand Traditional Council for East Griqualand Festival at a budget of **R350-thousand** and Hiltonian Society for Theatre Development at the budget of **R200-thousand**.





# **SPORTS TRANSFORMATION**





# SUPPORT TO SPORT FEDERATIONS AND ENTITIES

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In the last financial year, the department transferred R52,4 million to support sport federations and other non-profit entities to accelerate transformation and development programmes. The funding has also been able to resuscitate the sport and recreation sector and prevent the loss of jobs brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic.

In the 2023/24 financial year, **R57,9 million** has been set-aside as a transfer payment to sport federations and non-profit entities. Support will be provided to **62** sport and recreation bodies, which include federations, at a provincial and district level. Support will be given in the form of Transfer payments and Goods and services. A large part of the funding will be used to drive development and high-performance programmes, create jobs for development coaches, technical officials and administrators, capacity building programmes for the youth as part of career pathing, hosting of major and minor events, infrastructure support, promote women-in-sport and improve the governance of federations and other non-profit entities.

This year, the department will offer further accredited training programmes in line with the National Coaching Framework in partnership with our sport federations and entities. A database of all trained volunteers, administrators, coaches, and technical officials is maintained by the department to have a readily available cohort of skilled volunteers to support in the delivery of major sport and recreation events.

In the 2023/24 financial year, the department will target 12631 coaches, recreation leaders, educators, volunteers, administrators, and officials across all programmes with an allocation of **R12,6 million** set-aside for capacity building across all programmes.

## ACADEMIES

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An academy system is a critical component of the South African sports development continuum. The department has invested extensively in an academy system which is part of a unified, integrated approach with the aim of developing sporting talent at different levels.

In 2023/24, the department has planned to support 10 sport academies which are aligned to the Elite Athlete Developmental Programme (EADP). Through the EADP the department will ensure that there is a seamless developmental pathway for athletes and coaches right up to the elite levels of performance. There will be a specific focus on District Academies during the 2023/24 financial year. There are discussions underway with the KZN Sport Confederation, Ugu District, and several federations to create a District Academy with multiple codes at the Ugu Sport and Leisure precinct. This will be first for Ugu and with existing infrastructure in place, it is intended to service athletes in Ugu District.

The KwaMsane High-Performance Centre is operational and in 2023/2024 additional clubs and identified athletes from the district primary and secondary school teams will access the facility. The community has full access to the outdoor gyms and play-gym on site. A budget of **R9,2million** is set aside for this programme.





## CYCLING DEVELOPMENT

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he programme is not only about developing young riders in all 11 districts in KZN, but also staging numerous capacity building programmes in key linked elements such as training mechanics, race officials, marshals and course and track builders with the express aim being job opportunities.

In this regard, the mechanics training and mountain bike trail builder courses yielded excellent results with a number of attendees finding permanent employment. The cycling development programme created 29 long-term jobs for development officers, mechanics, administrator, etc. Apart from this the project will yield more than 2900 job days in the year across a variety of elements.

in 2023/24, developmental cycling will be implemented through 13 Cycling hubs in all 11 districts with more than 35 000 learners being targeted in the development clinics at schools and community centres across the province. Cycling Development in schools has been prioritised in the Integrated Strategic Framework for School Sport with 52 cycling events targeted in the year. Apart from ensuring young riders attend development clinics, the more talented riders are identified and included in high-performance programmes and more than 1400 riders from these clinics and events supported to attend provincial and national cycling events.

A number of the talented riders graduated through the programme into professional squads, and the two noteworthy riders here are Unathi Nxumalo from Hammarsdale who has been signed by a professional mountain bike team and will now be campaigning in Europe for the year, and his friend and colleague, Thabiso Zindela, also from Hammarsdale who has been selected for the World Cycling Centre squad being prepared for the UCI Road World Championships in 2025 and beyond, as well as the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

## BOXING DEVELOPMENT

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KwaZulu-Natal hosted an unprecedented 12 official professional boxing tournaments in the 2022/23 financial year. While majority were development tournaments, 3 international tournaments and 1 Women-in-Boxing tournament were hosted.

The department was able to fund all tournaments with packages offered to professional boxing which included boxers purse fees to Boxing South Africa and support for accommodation and flights. Mvelo Boxing Promotions from Umgungundlovu were able to successfully stage boxing legend, Moruti Mthlane's farewell fight at the PMB City Hall.

We are proud that there is a significant rise in the number of women promoters with the province boasting five all female boxing promoters. Mrs Zandile Malinga, Chairperson of KZN Professional Boxing Association was elected to the National Promoters Association. In the new year our efforts with professional boxing is expected to increase our tally of provincial champions from 11 that we have currently. We will also endeavour to increase the number of provincial champions that are ranked nationally from the nine (9) we have at present.





# SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Sport Scholarship Policy supports the department's Talent Identification Programme through the nurturing and retention of sporting talent within the province of KwaZulu-Natal. It also fully supports the School Sport Programme through the identification and nurturing of sport talent from Grade 6-12 and also supports talented learners at a tertiary level.

In the 2022/23 financial year, the department reviewed its sport scholarship system. Currently 24 learners remain on the scholarship system expending R738 000. A budget of **R1 million** is set aside in the 2023/24 financial year for the awarding of 20 sport scholarships. Phiwokuhle Mnguni (Commonwealth bronze medallist in boxing), Thabiso Zindela (World Cycling Centre squad) and Kaylee Budhram (silver medallist in the 2022 African Youth Junior Chess Championships in Zambia) are amongst our sport scholarship recipients.

## EADP(ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

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The Elite Athlete Development Programme (EADP) augments the work that is done by athletes, their coaches and Federations by providing much needed Sports Science, High Performance and Sports Medical support to athletes on the Programme.

It involves team-work and communication between all stakeholders, including the parents/ care givers of the athletes, and supports athletes across KwaZulu-Natal with a focus on transformation.

The 2022/3 year saw some outstanding achievements from our EADP Athletes.

For the 2023/24 EADP year, we will be supporting 105 Elite and developing athletes from across KZN. We look forward to supporting the KZN Kingdom Stars and Kingdom Queens, who are part of the EADP, as they compete in the Telkom National Netball League and seeing KZN Netball athletes competing in the Netball World Cup in July this year. We have several EADP athletes preparing for the 2024 Olympics, which takes place in Paris in July 2024 and we wish them everything of the best with their preparations.



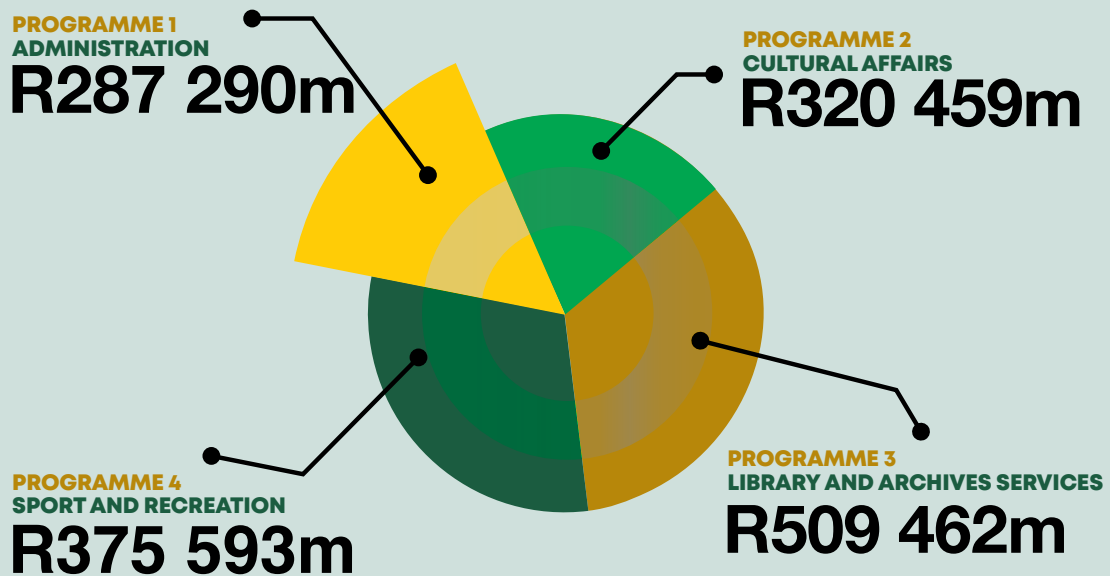


## BUDGET SUMMARY:

Madame Speaker and Honourable Members, the total budget for the KZN Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is **R1.493 billion**, allocated as follows:

### TOTAL BUDGET

**R1 492 804 Billion**



## CONCLUSION OUTRO

Honourable Members, we have always placed higher premium on our people's lives. Our mandate remains more in the development and harnessing of sport especially to young people from the rural areas. Intertwined into this is the urgent relook into our arts and culture space where organic talent remains not fully tapped.

The distractions we encounter should not deter nor derail us from our mandate. The African National Congress, a political party I represent in this House is working tirelessly to ensure that our people taste the fruit of the Freedom we so hard fought for. We are not about to fail them. We are not about to stand aside and watch their aspiration perish when we have the opportunity to do just and to do right by servicing them.

Honourable Members it is critical to note that this Budget Vote takes place ahead of the Africa Month and the Worker's Month. These, in my humble opinion, are also intertwined since they give meaning to selflessness and compassion.

Let us face our fears with courage and determination to succeed. We must not despair nor be despondent with the mounting challenges that face us. We must strive to fix what is broken, maintain what is working.

I wish to end by drawing your attention to a profound quote by author human rights activists, Alan Paton, author of CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY when he said: "The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that things are not mended again."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Acting Head of Department, Dr Fikile Ndlovu for steering the ship through the merger which was unchartered waters for all of us. My plaudits also go to the senior management and the entire KZN DSAC Family.

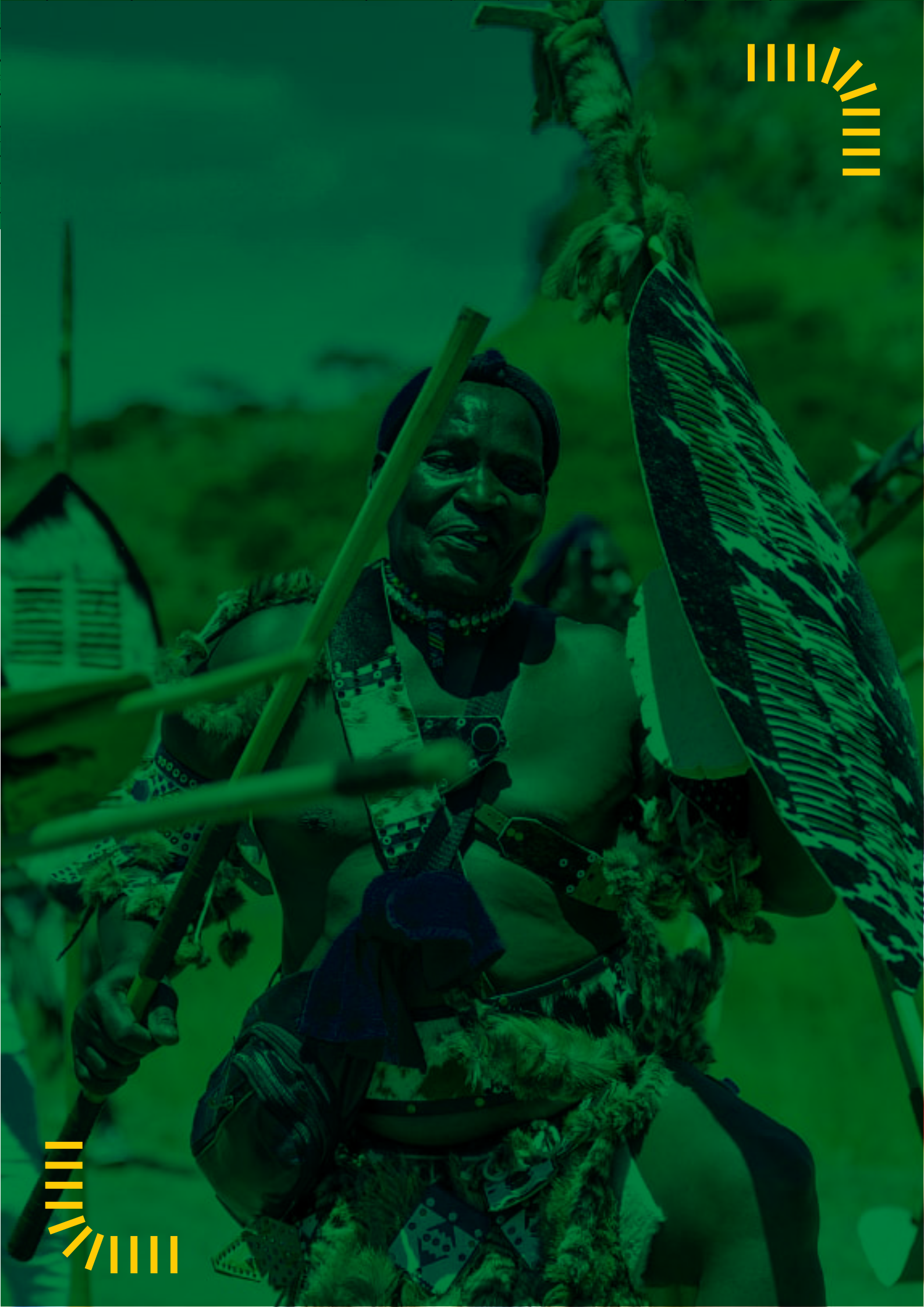
I also want to extend gratitude to Members of this House, the Premier, Members of the Provincial Executive Council, my family and my organisation the African National Congress for their unwavering support and guidance they have and continue to give me.

I present Vote 10: KZN Sport, Arts and Culture for 2023/2024 for consideration by this House.

I thank you.







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