

OCTOBER TRANSPORT MONTH

TRANSPORTATION CONNECTS PEOPLE AND SUPPORTS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

A crucial aspect of a country's economic activity is the efficiency with which it can move goods via land, air, sea, and rail, both inside and outside of its borders.

Transport contributes 8% of South Africa's GDP, demonstrating the importance of transportation in all of its forms to the national economy.

Regarded as one of the best on the continent, South Africa's transport infrastructure not only connects people to jobs, children to schools, and the sick to hospitals but also markets and businesses with consumers.

With municipalities being responsible for public transit as well as local highways and roads, the sector will continue to collaborate with provincial and national government to invest in the nation's transportation networks for the benefit of its citizens and the economy.

SALGA National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of SALGA will convene from October 23 – 24, 2024, to discuss important organisational and municipal issues, policy priorities, and program issues.

National Working Groups

SALGA National Working Groups, which serve as a platform for political consultation among organised local government members to offer ideas, counsel, political understanding, and support on the designated areas of focus to SALGA's national executive committee (NEC), will convene from October 8 – 11, 2024.

Commemorative events

- National Marine Month (October 1 - 31) creates awareness of South Africa's marine and coastal environments and the benefits that our oceans bring to our nation.
- Social Development Month (SDM) (October 1 - 31) is celebrated annually to mark our nation's commitment to caring for the most vulnerable in society.

- The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day. The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.
- The International Day of the Girl Child (October 11) focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.
- The International Day of Rural Women (October 15) calls for action to support rural women and girls and grow their capacities to respond to climate change through agricultural production, food security, and natural resources management.
- The United Nations has designated every 31st of October as World Cities Day. The Day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanisation, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanisation, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- The designation of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in South Africa reflects a nationwide drive by public and private healthcare structures to raise awareness of this debilitating disease across all races and class structures.
- Commemoration of World Mental Health Day on 10 October is aimed at creating public awareness to make issues related to mental health a global priority. Efforts are also aimed at attracting investment support to improve treatment of mental health conditions.

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