



## CAREER EXHIBITIONS PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN GUIDING LEARNERS TOWARD THEIR FUTURE.

Polokwane International Airport actively participated in the Capricorn Disaster Career Exhibition at Herry Oppenheimer Agricultural High School in Ga-Matlala, Polokwane, Limpopo. This important event brought together high school students from grades 10-12 from various local schools, providing them with invaluable insights.

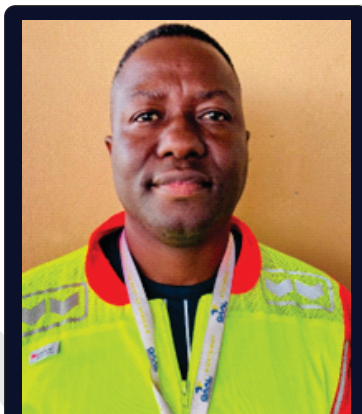
The exhibition proved to be a significant opportunity for learners, offering them essential information about potential careers after matriculation. With the involvement of prominent government institutions, learners were exposed to a wide range of career options that they might not have previously considered.

As one of the exhibitors, Polokwane International Airport opened the door to the aviation industry for many pupils. Many were excited to discover that aviation careers extend far beyond piloting. One student remarked,

*"I am so grateful to learn more about aviation careers. I thought aviation was about pilots. I had no idea it was such a diverse field. Thank you, Polokwane International Airport, for enlightening us with this information that we were completely unaware of. I hope you continue to engage with disadvantaged schools like ours."*

These exhibitions can nurture students' aspirations and expand their horizons, something that is desperately needed in our communities.

# CEO MS MOKGADI MATLI CONGRATULATED THE NEWLY APPOINTED EMPLOYEES



**Mr Aldrien Kgomotso  
Sekgotodi  
Fire Fighter Officer**



**Mr Tetelo Nchabeleng  
Fire Fighter Officer**



**Ms Mosidi Khoele  
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**Mr Christian Mtshweni  
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## Polokwane INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE



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10:15

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11:00

**ARRIVAL**  
17:15

**DEPARTURE**  
17:45





## ***GAAL and ACSA Forge Transformative Airport Partnership***

**T**he Gateway Airport Authority Limited (GAAL) and Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to significantly enhance Polokwane International Airport. Spearheading this initiative are GAAL's CEO, Ms. Mokgadi Matli, Senior Manager of Commercial Services, Ms. Tshepo Ramokgopa, and Mr. Steven Matjena, Head of the Department of Transport and Community Safety. They recently undertook a benchmarking visit to ACSA-managed airports (Kimberly and George) and also visited Pietermaritzburg Airport, which has an advisory MOU with ACSA.

This benchmarking tour is crucial because it probes into five vital areas: airport governance and management models; operational efficiency and

service quality; commercial development and revenue generation; infrastructure development and planning; and effective stakeholder and government engagement.





## **GAAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) MS. MOKGADI MATLI TOOK THE SPOTLIGHT AT THE INAUGURAL NATIONAL TRANSPORT CONFERENCE.**

Participating in this landmark event at Gallagher Estate in Johannesburg from March 16 to 18, 2026, Ms. Mokgadi Matli, the CEO of Gateway Airports Authority Limited (GAAL), joined leaders and innovators from across the transport sector to discuss transformative ideas for the future of transportation in our nation, marking a significant moment for Polokwane International Airport. This conference, the first of its kind since the dawn of democracy, served as a platform for critical conversations on how to enhance our country's transport infrastructure and grow the economy.

One of the key panels featured Ms. Mokgadi Matli, who passionately addressed "Positioning Airports as a Vital Economic Engine: Fostering Trade by Connecting Regions." Her insights underscored that air transport is not just a luxury; it is public transport and an essential driver for economic growth. By facilitating international trade, air transport becomes a powerful catalyst for economic growth.

Polokwane International Airport, under the management of GAAL, is a pivotal player in air

transport, not only in Limpopo but also across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. As a gateway airport in Africa, it is crucial for connectivity. Furthermore, Polokwane International Airport is strengthening its economic impact through significant investments in new cargo activities, which aim to benefit both the airport and the province substantially.

His Excellency, President Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, officially opened the conference, commending the ministry for its efforts to bring all stakeholders together. He highlighted the importance of transport as a key enabler of economic advancement, underscoring the need for collaboration to address the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The National Transport Conference is more than just a gathering; it represents a crucial step toward developing a comprehensive strategy to improve our transport sector. By harnessing collective insights from experts and stakeholders, we are committed to leveraging transport as a vehicle for national economic growth and prosperity.



## GAAL EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN WELLNESS DAY

**G**ateway Airports Authority Limited (GAAL) successfully brought together its employees and stakeholders to celebrate an impactful Wellness Day at Polokwane International Airport. The event featured esteemed partners from the financial sector, including ABSA, Standard Bank, Capitec, and Old Mutual, all dedicated to promoting financial wellness. Attendees also enjoyed physical wellness sessions led by Virgin Active, the Department of Health Limpopo, Bonitas, Medihelp, and numerous health professionals. In her welcome address, CEO Ms. -Matli emphasized the importance of prioritizing employee well-being. She stated that employees are the most valuable assets, driving the execution of strategies and forming the backbone of the airport. "To maintain a well-functioning organization, we must ensure our employees are thriving financially, mentally, and physically," she

remarked.

The Wellness Day showcased a vibrant array of activities. It began with enlightening sessions on financial wellness, where experts conveyed the critical importance of managing personal finances. Concurrently, Virgin Active energized participants with an engaging aerobics class, and dedicated health professionals conducted health screenings to identify various conditions.

I found the event incredibly enlightening and well-organized, offering valuable insights into both financial and physical wellness. It would be fantastic if GAAL management could host this event twice a year, possibly expanding it to include an outdoor venue where we could also participate in various sports," expressed an anonymous attendee. This event not only fostered knowledge but also strengthened our community spirit and commitment to well-being. This also strengthened relations with internal stakeholders that graced our event with their presence.

# Polokwane International Airport Shines at the 2026 Agri Expo

**P**olokwane International Airport made a significant impact at the 2026 Agri Expo, held at The Ranch Hotel in Polokwane, Capricorn District, Limpopo. This three-day event united influential figures in agriculture and aspiring farmers, providing them with invaluable insights on how to thrive as commercial growers and succeed in today's competitive market.

Given that the agricultural sector is a major driver of the province's GDP, Polokwane International Airport stood out among 100 exhibitors, leveraging this prime marketing opportunity to engage with key stakeholders and decision-makers in the industry.

The airport showcased its role as a vital cargo-handling facility for the import and export of goods, a game-changer for farmers in Limpopo. This service not only promises convenience but also saves them the hassle of traveling long distances. It's crucial to spread the word about these progressive cargo solutions, empowering farmers to strategically position themselves and maximize the potential of their exports and imports.





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