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ATNS Marks Global Ethics Day 2025 with a Nationwide Commitment to Integrity

Cape Town, South Africa. The Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) family came together today in a powerful display of unity and purpose to commemorate Global Ethics Day 2025, under the theme “Ethics Re-Envisioned.” With leadership spread across the country’s operational stations, the event underscored the organisation’s unwavering commitment to ethical leadership and accountability.

Addressing the ATNS community from the Cape Town Air Traffic Services Unit, Board Chairman Mr Zola Majavu, CD (SA), delivered a stirring message that resonated across all levels of the organisation.

“Global Ethics Day is one of the special and treasured events in the calendar of the company,” said the Chairman. “We have spread ourselves across the lengths and breadths of the company to demonstrate the significance of this day. Ethical Leadership is one of the critical values of the business.”

The Chairman’s address was echoed by other members of the ATNS Executive Committee (EXCO), who joined the commemorations from stations in Bruma, Polokwane, and beyond. The symbolic decision to decentralise leadership presence was a deliberate move to reinforce that ethics is not confined to boardrooms; it lives in every site, every shift, and every decision.

“Ethics doesn’t live in the boardroom, it lives in every site, every shift, every decision made on the ground,” the Chairman emphasised. “We want to listen, to engage, and to show up, because ethics is everyone’s business, and leadership starts with presence.”

Reflecting on last year’s milestone, the Chairman recalled the 2024 ethics pledge signed by the ATNS Board and EXCO, reaffirming their commitment to ethical conduct. This year’s theme, “Ethics Re-Envisioned,” builds on that foundation, challenging the organisation to view ethics not as static rules but as a dynamic, evolving practice.

“To re-envision ethics is to see it with fresh eyes,” the Chairman said. “Not as a checklist or a compliance exercise, but as a living value that defines our culture. It’s about creating an organisation where ethics is not enforced by policy but embraced by conviction.”

The Chairman highlighted the critical role ethics plays in aviation, an industry built on trust and precision. He stressed that ethical standards are not optional; they are essential to safety, reliability, and excellence. “Every flight that takes off, every passenger who boards, every decision made in our control towers or boardrooms, they all rest on a foundation of integrity,” he said. “Because without ethics, there can be no safety. Without integrity, there can be no trust.”



The Chairman also took a moment to acknowledge the progress made in Cape Town since his last visit in 2024, assuring staff that their concerns had been heard and addressed. “A detailed report has been compiled to reflect the work that’s been done since then, and I invite you to review it,” he said. “I assure you, other important issues will not be ignored. We’ll make time to address them offline, and if necessary, I am more than willing to return to continue those conversations in person.”

The Chairman concluded his address with a heartfelt tribute to the everyday champions of ethics within ATNS. “Let us honour the many unsung heroes who uphold ethics quietly, every day, those who take responsibility, who raise red flags, who ensure things are done right, even when no one notices,” he said. “Ethics is the runway on which trust takes off. If we build it strong and steady, we can soar higher, together.”

As ATNS continues to navigate the complexities of modern aviation, its commitment to ethical leadership remains a guiding force, ensuring the skies remain not only safe but also principled.

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