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OVG Conference 2026 Marks a Decade of Institutional Excellence and Charts the Future of Land Reform

Pretoria, South Africa — The Office of the Valuer-General (OVG) will host its inaugural national conference under the theme: “Property Valuations in a VUCA World – Agility, Integrity, and Innovation in a Changing Landscape” on 12–13 March 2026 in Pretoria.

High-Level Government Leadership

This historic occasion will be officially opened by the Honourable Deputy Minister, **Chupu Stanley Mathabatha**, who will deliver welcoming remarks and formally introduce the Honourable Minister, **Mzwanele Nyhontso**, ahead of his keynote address.

Why is the office of the Valuer-General important?

The 2026 Conference is particularly significant as it coincides with **10 years of the OVG’s establishment under South Africa’s new dispensation**, a milestone that reflects a decade of institutional growth, governance stability, and measurable impact in the land reform and property valuation landscape.

Established under the new dispensation as a critical institution to support land reform through credible and independent property valuations, the OVG stands out as a state institution that has maintained operational stability and governance integrity at a time when many state-owned entities face audit challenges and reputational strain. The conference will reflect on this institutional journey while charting a forward-looking path for valuation practice in a rapidly changing socio-economic environment.

Why This Conference Matters

In an era defined by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA), property valuation plays a pivotal role in balancing public interest, market confidence, and equitable land access. Conference sessions will include expert panels, technical presentations, stakeholder dialogues, and applied research inputs covering:

- Land reform and valuation frameworks
- Rural and agricultural property markets
- Public sector valuation systems and reform
- Market resilience and investment conditions
- Ethics, governance, and professional standards
- Innovation and technology in valuation practice



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- Institutional collaboration across the property ecosystem

A Newsworthy Moment for Policy and Governance

This event presents a valuable opportunity for the media and the public to gain direct perspective on:

- A decade of institutional progress within a key land reform entity
- Governance excellence within a public institution
- Legislative direction on land reform and expropriation
- The future of property markets amid economic and policy shifts

Members of the media, particularly those covering land reform, property, agriculture, governance, and investment, are invited to attend and cover this milestone event.

Senior officials and subject matter experts will be available for media interviews and commentary throughout the conference.

Event Details:

Event: OVG Conference 2026

Theme: Property Valuations in a VUCA World – Agility, Integrity, and Innovation in a Changing Landscape

Dates: 12–13 March 2026

Location: Pretoria

Host: Office of the Valuer-General

A detailed programme and formal media advisory will be issued ahead of the event.

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