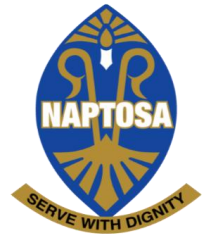




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Africa Day – 25 May 2026

“Unity, Lawfulness, And Dignity in Order”

NAPTOSA believes in a united Africa one where every nation upholds its own laws, and where every person, regardless of nationality, respects the sovereign legal framework of the country in which they reside.

We condemn xenophobic violence in all its forms. Attacks on foreign nationals documented or undocumented are criminal, immoral, and a stain on South Africa's democratic character. We call on all educators to teach learners the critical distinction between legitimate concern about illegal immigration and hatred of people based on their nationality. These are not the same thing.

At the same time, NAPTOSA gives voice to the legitimate frustration of millions of South Africans, including the educators that we represent, who are watching public services buckle under unsustainable pressure. This stems from a number of serious concerns: the government's failure to enforce immigration law consistently, while expecting citizens to absorb the consequences without complaint; foreign crime networks operating with apparent impunity in communities where law-abiding residents South African and foreign alike live in fear; unmanaged illegal immigration placing additional strain on already under-resourced South African schools, where overcrowded classrooms and insufficient infrastructure compromise the quality of education for all learners; and overwhelmed public hospitals.

These concerns must be raised with an equally firm insistence:

NO to violence. NO to vigilantism. NO to targeting individuals based on nationality.

NAPTOSA calls on the South African Government to:

- 🇿🇦 Accelerate implementation of the Immigration Amendment Bill and ensure consistent, humane enforcement.
- 🇿🇦 Fast-track bilateral agreements on deportation, labour mobility, and cross-border education recognition with neighbouring states.
- 🇿🇦 Urgently resolve the Home Affairs backlog so that documented South Africans and asylum-seekers are not trapped in legal limbo.
- 🇿🇦 Deliver on school infrastructure promises not mobile classrooms as permanent solutions, but actual schools with adequate resources.
- 🇿🇦 Fund schools adequately for every learner they are mandated to enrol without cutting resources for South African learners.

On this Africa Day, NAPTOSA stands for an Africa unified by shared values, not fractured by lawlessness. Every child in our classrooms South African and foreign, documented and undocumented deserves a future, but that future can only be built on the foundation of order, justice, and honest governance.

AFRICA MUST UNITE. AND UNITY BEGINS WITH EACH NATION AND EACH PERSON UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW.

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