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Media Statement

## **The National School of Government and the University College London Resumes the Executive Education Programme for South Africa's Government Officials**

The National School of Government (NSG) has partnered with the University College London (UCL) to deliver an executive education programme for senior public sector officials.

The Executive Education Programme forms part of the Framework for Continuing Leadership Engagements for Executive Managers approved by Cabinet in August 2020. The programme is led by the UCL's Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP) and convened by acclaimed economist, Professor Mariana Mazzucato.

In December 2020, the Minister for Public Service and Administration approved the appointment of Professor Mazzucato, IIPP Director, as Senior Fellow of the National School of Government where among other things she will bring her teaching and research expertise to enrich the quality of training programmes of the NSG (see her profile below).

"This partnership for training and development unfolds in the context of people-to-people exchanges with leading institutions in the global South and the global North. The blended virtual programme will advance participants' understanding of the role of the state in driving inclusive and sustainable growth; critically appraising global models of development and governance and taking pragmatic action to addressing core challenges of governance and government reforms," said Busani Ngcaweni, Principal of the NSG.

The programme is open to both Executive Managers and Members of the Executive across the public sector and organs of state who wish to receive training on the key theories and practical aspects of building an entrepreneurial state led by ethical, capable and innovative public sector leaders who are enjoined by the Constitution to lead economic growth programmes that are inclusive and impactful.

To increase access into this ground-breaking bespoke programme, the NSG has successfully negotiated limited sponsorship from the British High Commission, Old Mutual and Anglo American. Financial assistance will go towards covering part of the fees that participants are paying directly or partly sponsored by their employers.

The Government of South Africa has prioritised "Building a Capable, Ethical and Developmental State" as a foundational intervention for accelerating inclusive growth. The National School of Government is at the forefront of supporting this national priority, working with domestic and international partners like the University College London.



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Professor Mazzucato will deliver the first lecture when the first cohort of 30 students resume weekly class today.

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## **Annexure:**

Mariana Mazzucato (PhD) is Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), where she is Founding Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP).

She is winner of international prizes including the 2020 John von Neumann Award, the 2019 All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values, and 2018 Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought. She was named as one of the '3 most important thinkers about innovation' by The New Republic, one of the 50 most creative people in business in 2020 by Fast Company, and one of the 25 leaders shaping the future of capitalism by WIRED.

Her highly-acclaimed book *The Entrepreneurial State: debunking public vs. private sector myths* (2013) investigates the critical role the state plays in driving growth—and her book *The Value of Everything: making and taking in the global economy* (2018) looks at how value creation needs to be rewarded over value extraction.

She advises policy makers around the world on innovation-led inclusive and sustainable growth. Her current roles include being a member of the Scottish Government's Council of Economic Advisors; the South African President's Economic Advisory Council; the OECD Secretary General's Advisory Group on a New Growth Narrative; the UN's Committee for Development Policy (CDP).

Through her role as Special Advisor for the EC Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, she authored the high impact report on Mission-Oriented Research and Innovation in the European Union, turning "missions" into a crucial new instrument in the European Commission's Horizon innovation programme.

She joined the National School of Government as a Senior Fellow in December 2020.