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Advocate Anton du Plessis returns from the United Nations in New York to the NPA as Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions responsible for Operations, Strategy and Compliance. He started prosecuting in 1997 and was appointed as a senior prosecutor where he led the NPA’s development and roll-out of specialised sexual offences courts and Thuthuzela Care Centres.

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