DID YOU KNOW?

Cabinet Meeting of 10 October 2018

Cabinet met on Wednesday, 10 October 2018 at Tuynhuys in Cape Towr



1. ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT



Economy and investment drive

- Cabinet welcomes the practical interventions such as the: √ commitment to buy local products;
- √ a more aggressive approach to increasing exports;
- agricultural value chains; and ✓ Support for small and

√ interventions in

- medium enterprises. These announcements
- came out of the recent two-day Job Summit, which was convened under the National Economic Development and Labour Council.
- The outcome of the Job Summit follows the announcement of the Economic Stimulus and Recovery Plan, which seeks to restore economic growth and create much-needed
- jobs. • The new Mining Charter - which was finalised in consultation with the mining industry, labour affected communities and other stakeholders clarifies the imperatives of growth, sustainability and

Cabinet calls on all stakeholders to engage with the Mining Charter so as to finalise and create stability in the mining

transformation.

sector. **■** Kokstad Home Affairs office and handover of

title deeds

- Cabinet joins President Cyril Ramaphosa in commending the Department of Home Affairs for successfully opening its Kokstad office in KwaZulu-Natal. The President opened the Home Affairs office as part of government's programme to expand the footprint of Home Affairs service-delivery points to meet citizens demands for Smart ID cards and other documents.
- Furthermore, President Ramaphosa handed over 443 title deeds to beneficiaries of the Franklin Housing Project. This is part of the restoration

programme to ensure beneficiaries experience the full benefits of owning a house and are able to access the formal property market.

opportunity to strongly encourage citizens to collect their IDs as soon as they receive a notification of collection.

Cabinet also takes this

■ Settlement agreement on spectrum

 Cabinet welcomes the settlement agreement reached in the matter involving the Invitation to Apply for the allocation of highdemand spectrum This provides policy certainty in the information and communications technology (ICT)

• The settlement agreement is in line with President Ramaphosa's call to initiate the process for the allocation of spectrum licensing.

sector.

In further contributing to the implementation of the National Integrated ICT Policy White Paper, interested parties have until 8 November 2018 to provide written inputs on the proposed policy and policy direction to the authority.

■ South Africa's first small-scale fisheries

cooperatives

 Cabinet welcomes South Africa's first small-scale cooperatives in the fishing sector, namely the Port Nolloth and Hondeklipbaai cooperatives in the Northern Cape, which were launched by the Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Mr Senzeni Zokwana.

• The launch marks the implementation of the small-scale fisheries policy. The fishing rights give dignity to local fishermen, who have been fishing illegally, in that they are now protected for the first time.

• The two small-scale fishing communities who will be benefiting

from this policy have

on cooperatives and

have been assisted to

register cooperatives

for the purpose of

fishing rights

■ Tax season

eFiling.

applying for 15-year

SARS

Cabinet commends the

close to three million

taxpayers who have

filed their tax returns,

submitted through

of which over half were

On 31 October, the 2018

tax season closes for non-

provisional taxpayers

and for those provisional

taxpayers who opt to

file at a South African

Revenue Service branch.

Provisional taxpayers who

opt to file their returns

through eFiling have until

31 January 2019 to do so.

Proper and efficient

sovereignty, and

timeous and accurate

submissions ensure

compliant taxpayers

Tax revenue helps

government to fund

the country's service-

delivery projects and

other socio-economic

development

programmes.

revenue collection

received basic training

successfully migrated social-grant payments from Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) as instructed by the **Constitutional Court** Judgement. All cash beneficiaries effected by CPS have been migrated and CPS has been notified of the termination of the contract as of 30 September 2018.

(SAPO)/Postbank;

Grinrod Bank as well

as merchants such as

Boxer, Shoprite, and

Government has

Pick 'n Pay.

diligent oversight supported by the of Directors General It further extends its appreciation to the work of the officials from SAPO, South African Social the departments of Social Development

Cabinet extends its

and Postal Services; Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation; National Treasury; South African Police Service and GCIS. the social-grant beneficiaries for their

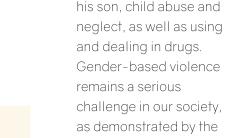
father

transition.

 Cabinet welcomes the sentencing of the Springs Monster. He was sentenced to 35 years in jail for the attempted murder of

■ Social-grant payments Cabinet was briefed by the Inter-Ministerial Committee: Social Grants, chaired by Minister Nkosazana

Dlamini-Zuma. As of 1 October 2018, more than 10 million beneficiaries were paid using either of these platforms - the South African Post Office



Silverton.

recent rape of a minor

at a Dros restaurant in

Cabinet reiterates calls

on law-enforcement

authorities to leave

no stone unturned in

prosecuting perpetrators

of these heinous crimes.

It further calls on all of

us to work together in

stopping the violation

of the rights of children

and the most vulnerable

members of our society.

■ Westbury protest

Cabinet welcomes

the intervention in

Westbury by Police

Minister Bheki Cele,

which is part of the

broader strategy to

fight the scourge

The intervention

includes the

of drugs and gang-

deployment of the

Tactical Response

Team and a greater

presence. Importantly,

visible policing

there will also be

into allegations of

corruption at the

Westbury Police

Cabinet calls on the

Westbury community

and all communities to

work with the police in

ensuring that we root

out acts of criminality,

drugs and gangsters in

their respective areas.

Station.

Crime

an investigation

related violence in the

appreciation to the work led by the Inter-Ministerial Committee Technical Task Team Security Agency and, Telecommunications

 Cabinet thanks all cooperation during this

■ Sentencing of Springs

abusive man, commonly

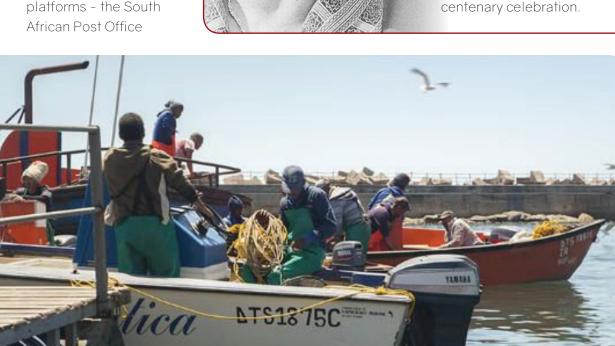
Cabinet commends

the law-enforcement

agencies in carrying

■ Albertina Sisulu Centenary Cabinet was briefed on the preparations for the centenary celebration of Mama Albertina Sisulu that will take place during her birth month, October.

 Mama Sisulu was born **on:** 21 October 1918 • The Chairperson of the IMC on Centenary Celebrations, Minister Jeff Radebe, was present to outline upcoming activities related to the



out an intensive multi-disciplinary investigation relating to incidents at shopping malls, retail stores and mosques

which has resulted in

suspects. It involved the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster. Three of the suspects were arrested in relation

the arrest of nineteen

Cabinet reassures South Africans that fighting crime is a top priority and that government will continue to take necessary steps to ensure a safe and secure environment for all inhabitants of South Africa.

attempted murder and contravening the Explosives Act.

■ Name changes: Makhanda

• Cabinet welcomes the name change of Grahamstown, in the Eastern Cape to Makhanda, in honour of Xhosa

prophet, philosopher and military man who fought against colonialism.

The change is an important part of our democratic journey and will help to foster greater social cohesion and build a deeper appreciation of

our shared history.

2. CABINET DECISIONS



■ Broadcast Digital **Migration Project**

to incendiary devices

including the Verulam

suspects are expected

including murder and

in the Durban area,

Mosque. All the

to face charges

 Cabinet approved a revised delivery model on implementation of the Project. The model adopts a market/ retail-driven approach through collaboration and partnerships with the private sector and industry With this approach government will no longer be involved in the procurement of set-topboxes, warehousing, transportation and installation of devices.

 This provides South Africa with headway towards the completion of the project in a manner that is inclusive, affordable and efficient, and that reduces risk to government. This will push digital viewership migration to the 85% threshold and beyond, towards switching off all analogue broadcasts

■ South Africa's Common Core Document

 Cabinet approved the Document, which will be deposited with the United Nations (UN). The document provides progress which contains information of a general, factual and statistical nature on South Africa's adherence to the obligations attached to the signed nine UN treaties.

3. UPCOMING EVENTS

■ Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS)

• When: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 • Finance Minister Tito Mboweni will

deliver the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), which will reveal adjustments to the national budget to ensure fiscal sustainability.

■ Transport Month

 This year's Transport Month programme will emphasise the importance of transport infrastructure, such as the maritime, aviation, rail and road sectors as enablers of economic growth.

Cabinet calls on the public to use public transport and actively implement road safety initiatives throughout the year. Let us use the month to celebrate and restore the culture of lift clubs when travelling to work to reduce congestion in our roads. Road safety on our roads remains a challenge, and drivers and pedestrians should use public roads responsibly.

5. MESSAGES

■ Congratulations • South Africa's radio

telescope, **MeerKAT**, will be joining Breakthrough Listen, an international initiative that is seeking signs of intelligent life in the universe. It demonstrates our internationally recognised expertise and infrastructure. South Africa's 64-dish MeerKAT radio telescope, inaugurated in July this year, is the most sensitive telescope of its kind in

 Cabinet congratulates the **team of researchers**

the world.

from Wits University who performed a historic

and successful liver transplant from a HIVpositive mother to her HIV-negative child. The team of doctors included Professor Jean Botha, Dr Francesca Conradie, Dr Harriet Etheredge Dr June Fabian and Professor Caroline Tiemessen. Cabinet congratulates

the people of Equatorial Guinea on their 50th independence celebration. South Africa has enjoyed full diplomatic relations with

Guinea since 5 May 1993.

the Republic of Equatorial

Condolences • Cabinet extends its

condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late **Environmental Affairs** Minister Boma Edna Molewa. Minister Molewa distinguished herself in many capacities and causes, from her contribution to our liberation to fighting for the equality of women in our society. She was also a national and

global champion for the

environmental integrity of a sustainable planet which can be shared and enjoyed by all. Cabinet sends its condolences to the government and people of Indonesia.

Government has already pledged its support,

where necessary, and Cabinet commends the South African aid workers who are involved in relief efforts in the Indonesian Island of Sulawesi, which was hit by an earthquake

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and tsunami. • Cabinet extends condolences to the family and colleagues of Ms Rowena Baird who passed away this week Ms Baird was a renowned radio journalist and

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