



## PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON MEDIA BRIEFING

### PRESIDENT'S FOCUS AND ACTIVITIES

JANUARY-JUNE 2023

#### PROGRAMMES

<b>Operation Vulindlela</b>	Presidency working with the National Treasury and other government departments to accelerate key economic reforms. The latest quarterly progress report shows that we are moving ahead with reforms that will have a profound effect on the capabilities of our economy into the future.	
<b>Youth Employment Service</b>	Partnership between government and the private sector has provide work experience to over 100,000 young South Africans	
<b>Presidential Employment Stimulus</b>	Presidential Employment Stimulus created 1.2 million public employment and livelihood opportunities since 2020	
<b>Presidential Youth Employment Intervention</b>		

#### GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATING STRUCTURES

<b>Cabinet and Cabinet Committees</b>	Fundamental to functioning of government, producing legislation and policy, and providing leadership on broad range of issues.	Attended about 9 cabinet meetings held so far in 2023.
<b>NECOM</b>	Taken a hands-on approach to solving crisis through NECOM. Reforms have led to a pipeline of over 100 private sector projects totalling 10,000MW. Incentives for rooftop solar. Driving fundamental reform of electricity sector to establish competitive market.	13 Jan 20 Apr
<b>Ministers</b>	President met with every Minister over last two months to define their top 3-5 priorities until the end of the term to ensure focused delivery.	

## ADVISORY BODIES

<b>President's Coordinating Council</b>	Pre-eminent forum for consultation and cooperation between national, provincial and local government. The President's Coordinating Council played a pivotal role in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing guidance and facilitating coordination as we worked to reduce infections, save lives and maintain livelihoods.	20 Jan 27 Feb 2 June
<b>Presidential Economic Advisory Council</b>	Advises both the President and relevant Ministers on the most important economic challenges facing the country. The Council has contributed to the development of our Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan in the wake of the pandemic and to the Energy Action Plan.	11 Jan
<b>Presidential State-Owned Enterprises Council</b>	Supporting the implementation of the fundamental overhaul of the architecture of our state-owned enterprises. It is undertaking detailed work to identify the actions needed to turn our strategic SOEs around and to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of our SOEs into the future.	24 Jan
<b>Presidential Climate Commission</b>	Brings together a unique blend of different social stakeholders to guide our climate actions, including our approach to a just transition to a low-carbon society. Apart from its advice to the President, the Climate Commission has undertaken extensive social engagement and consultation to ensure that those people affected by the actions we take are involved in the decision-making process.	19 Apr
<b>National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council</b>	Established to both advise government and mobilise society around a comprehensive programme to end corruption in all its forms. The Council proceeds from the understanding that corruption is often embedded in the structures, processes and cultures of our institutions, both in the public and private sectors, and that we need systemic change to rid our society of corruption.	18 May

## COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

<b>Working Group on Disability</b>	Brings relevant government departments together with stakeholders in the sector to drive the work to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.	14 Feb
<b>Presidential Izimbizo</b>	Vital tool of participatory democracy and allow communities space to interact with the President, Ministers, Premiers and Mayors. Government uses Izimbizo to constantly improve its systematic feedback processes to the people.	6 <sup>th</sup> DDM Cape Winelands District, 19 May 7 <sup>th</sup> DDM uThukela District in KZN, 30 June 2023
<b>Business</b>	President has worked to bring government, business, labour, civil society and other social formations around a single objective of building a better South Africa that leaves no one-behind.	16 Jan: Energy 12 Apr: Logistics 25 May: Workstreams 6 Jun: Workstreams
<b>Labour</b>		16 Jan: Energy 8 Feb 12 Apr: Logistics

<b>Communities</b>		20 Jan: Energy
<b>Religious</b>		17 Jan: Energy
<b>Traditional leaders</b>		19 Jan: Energy 23 Feb: NHTKL Opening 17 Mar: NHTKL Dialogue
<b>Presidential Health Summit</b>		5 May
<b>Political Parties</b>		15 Jan: Energy

#### PROMOTING SA's INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS

<b>State and Official Visits</b>	Mostly focus on trade and investment ties and visiting HoS are often accompanied by a business delegation.	28 Feb: Uganda 4 Feb: Lesotho 16 Mar: Tanzania 23 Mar: Belgium 20 Apr: Namibia 25 Apr: Finland 12 May: Bulgaria 16 May: Singapore 23 May: Lesotho 6 Jun: Portugal 20 Jun: Netherlands 20 Jun: Denmark
<b>SADC Windhoek, Namibia</b>		31 Jan: Organ Troika 8 May: Organ Troika
<b>African Union Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</b>		18 Feb: AU Assembly
<b>Burundi 1th High-Level Summit of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Signatory Countries of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Region</b>		6 May
<b>President Tinubu's inauguration, Lagos Nigeria</b>		29 May
<b>ILO World of Work Summit Geneva, Switzerland</b>		14 Jun
<b>African Peace Mission Kyiv, Ukraine St. Petersburg, Russia</b>		16 Jun
<b>Global Financing Summit Paris, France</b>		22 Jun

#### PARLIAMENT

		9 Feb: SONA 16 Feb: SONA Debate Reply 9 Mar: NA Questions 30 Mar: NCOP Questions 11 May: NA Questions 31 May: Budget Vote
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## IMPLEMENTATION OF SONA COMMITMENTS

Announce and implement changes to bounce-back loan scheme to encourage greater rooftop solar use	Energy bounce-back loan guarantee scheme provides financing to small businesses for rooftop solar	
Appoint Minister in the Presidency for Electricity to oversee implementation of the Energy Action Plan	Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa appointed Minister in the Presidency for Electricity on 6 March 2023	
Finalise measures to address Eskom's debt burden so that it can make necessary investments in maintenance and transmission	Eskom has received debt relief of R254 billion, subject to strict conditions	
Gazette and implement disaster regulations to support businesses affected by load shedding and accelerate energy projects	Disaster regulations were gazetted on 27 February 2023 to enable extraordinary measures to tackle load shedding and its effects	
Host the 5th South Africa Investment Conference towards the achievement of the R1.2 trillion investment target	The 5 <sup>th</sup> South Africa Investment Conference was held on 13 April 2023, bringing the investment commitments over the last 5 years to R1.5 trillion	
Implement recommendations of the work visa review to attract more skills, streamline application process and encourage start-ups	Department of Home Affairs has begun implementation of work visa reforms	
Introduce incentives to encourage businesses and households to install rooftop solar panels	Individuals who install rooftop solar panels from 1 March 2023 will be able to claim a tax rebate	
Provide more work and livelihoods opportunities through Presidential Employment Stimulus	Phase 3 is currently in implementation, with over 1.2m people reached since 2020	
Recruit a further 36,000 participants for the National Youth Service	Over 45,000 participants have been placed in the current phase of the National Youth Service	
Recruit 50,000 participants for the next phase of the Social Employment Fund.	Over 51,000 participants have been employed by 28 implementing partners in the current phase of the Social Employment Fund	
Recruit the remaining 10,000 young people for the digitisation of Home Affairs' paper records	Recruitment of 10,000 young people for the digitisation programme completed in February	
Reduce red tape in priority areas, including mining rights, tourism transport operator licenses, visas and work permits, early childhood development and the informal sector	Implementation of visa reform underway	
Table the Electricity Regulation Amendment Bill to transform the energy sector and establish a competitive electricity market	Amendments to Electricity Regulation Bill submitted to Parliament	
Complete construction of safe sanitation in remaining 900 schools	Unsafe toilets have been replaced in nearly 80% of schools needing safe toilets. The remaining 727 schools scheduled for completion in 2023/4	
Complete construction on Hazelmore Dam and proceed with	Construction on Hazelmore Dam completed.	

construction of Clanwilliam Dam and Tzaneen Dam		
Extend the Social Relief of Distress Grant to the end of March 2024	National Treasury has allocated R36bn to fund the SRD grant until 31 March 2024.	
Allocate more funding to the South African Police Service, National Prosecuting Authority and Special Investigating Unit	National Treasury has allocated R14bn over the next 3 years to fight crime and corruption	
Introduce Public Procurement Bill to tackle corruption and improve efficiency, value for money and transparency.	Public Procurement Bill finalised by Cabinet for introduction to Parliament	