# CABINET STATEMENT

*On* the Cabinet meeting of Wednesday, 25 March 2026 and the **Special Cabinet meeting** of Wednesday, 1 April 2026.

## ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

South African Revenue Service

### ECONOMY

**SARS collects record R2 trillion in net revenue**

**Cabinet applauded the South African Revenue Service (SARS) under Commissioner Edward Kieswetter for collecting just over R2 trillion in net revenue, a record milestone achieved in the fastest period since the R1 trillion net revenue collection milestone.**
**The improved tax collection boosts fiscal capacity and stability by reducing government reliance on debt and creates more fiscal space to fund the budget.**

- The country is reaping the benefits of improvements in tax compliance and SARS' administrative efficiencies, which are a result of hard work and dedication, and the implementation of the Nugent Commission's recommendations.
- The R2 trillion net revenue collection is also a demonstration of economic growth; in this case, anchored by the economic performance of the mining sector, which remains a backbone of South Africa's economy.
- This milestone represents significant economic growth when compared to the R114 billion revenue collected in 1994/95 and the time it took SARS to reach the R1 trillion net collection (2018) – whilst it took only eight years to achieve the R2 trillion net revenue collection.

**6th South Africa Investment Conference confirms the country as a preferred investment destination**

- The country hosted a remarkably successful 6th South Africa Investment Conference (SAIC) on 31 March 2026 in Johannesburg, with over 1 000 delegates from 50 countries taking part in the summit.
- The conference marks the second cycle of the investment drive in which government is pursuing a target of R2 trillion worth of investment over the next five years.
- The R898 billion worth of investment pledges, comprising 81 projects across all nine provinces, was a decisive vote of confidence on South Africa as an investment destination.
- The commitments are expected to create over 230 000 permanent jobs supporting government's commitment to inclusive growth and job creation.
- Since its inception in 2018, SAIC has successfully mobilised R1.56 trillion in investment commitments, surpassing The Presidency's original target by R628 billion. From the R1.56 trillion investment commitments, 137 projects totalling R400 billion have been completed, while 84 projects valued at R417 billion are currently under construction.

**Continuous rise in GDP signals steady economy growth**

- Cabinet welcomed the five consecutive quarters of uninterrupted economic growth, which resulted in an annual gross domestic product (GDP) increase of 1.1% for 2025 as released by Statistics South Africa. This growth was also supported by a 0.4% GDP increase in the final quarter of 2025.
- The most robust economic performance since 2022, was driven primarily by the key service sectors of finance, real estate and business services, trade, catering, accommodation and personal services; which were further supported by positive contributions from agriculture and general government services.

**The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development credit facility to boost critical infrastructure development**

- Cabinet welcomed the establishment of a Credit Guarantee Vehicle (CGV) by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the value of $350 million (approximately R5.6 billion).
- The CGV will initially focus on expanding the country's electricity infrastructure and will in future be broadened to include infrastructure projects in water, freight logistics, education and health.

**South Africa successfully hosts LIV Golf Tournament**

- Cabinet is pleased that South Africa successfully hosted the LIV Golf Tournament – the first ever to be held on African soil – in Johannesburg, that featured top international players alongside outstanding South African players.
- Over 100 000 people attended this prestigious event, which generated substantial economic and socio economic benefits, including increased tourism. Some of the visitors who attended the event extended their stay to explore the country's diverse tourism offerings including safari destinations, coastal regions, wine producing areas and cities.
- More LIV Golf events are set for 2027 and 2028, with potential continuation into 2029 and 2030. Tickets for the 2027 edition are already open for sale.

**Mitigating the impact of the USA – Israel – Iran war on South Africa**

- Cabinet joined President Cyril Ramaphosa in calling for an immediate ceasefire in the United States of America (USA) – Israel – Iran war that is negatively affecting the Middle East region and the rest of the world.
- Cabinet has been kept abreast on the security of domestic fuel supply, which has been affected by the ongoing war. South Africa's fuel system remains adequate in the immediate period, as South Africa relies on the Middle East only for the supply of refined products.
- The President has established a Ministerial Task Team comprising the Ministers of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) as chair; Finance; Transport; Trade, Industry and Competition; International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO); Agriculture; Electricity and Energy; Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and The Presidency to coordinate government's response in a holistic manner to mitigate the impact on the cost of living, fuel and food security.
- As an immediate intervention, the task team recommended a reduction in the fuel levy for the immediate period, to alleviate the impact of the fuel price increase that took effect on Wednesday, 1 April 2026.
- Cabinet would like to assure South Africans that fuel supplies in the country remain stable and that current dry pumps at fuel stations are a result of logistical constraints caused by panic buying and fuel hoarding, from which South Africans are strongly discouraged.

**Postbank licencing ensures affordable financial services are accessible to communities**

- Cabinet welcomes the formal licensing of Postbank as a Financial Services Provider by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, bolstering ongoing work to position the institution as a sustainable state-owned retail bank.
- This licensing enables the Postbank to broaden its range of financial services to advance financial inclusion and offer affordable financial services to financially excluded communities.
- Cabinet commended the progress made in strengthening Postbank's capabilities as a state-owned banking institution.

**Recovery operations at the Ekapa Minerals Mine**

- Cabinet received an update on the recovery operation to retrieve the bodies of five miners trapped underground as a result of a mud rush that occurred at Ekapa Minerals Mine in Kimberley.
- All five bodies have been brought to the surface and Cabinet extends its deepest condolences to the families, colleagues and loved ones of the deceased.
- The DMPR has commenced with a full-scale investigation into the incident in order to bring those responsible for negligence, if any, to book.

**Public Service improvements**

- Metro Trading Services Reform to improve essential services in Metro Municipalities
- Cabinet welcomes the launch of the Metro Trading Services Reform – a flagship initiative of Operation Vulindlela designed to assist the country's eight metropolitan municipalities restore and strengthen the delivery of electricity, water, wastewater and solid waste services.
- As part of the programme, National Treasury will allocate R54 billion in performance-based incentives over the next six years, providing dedicated funding to metropolitan municipalities that demonstrate measurable improvements in the delivery of essential services.
- To qualify for the incentives, metros must meet the performance targets set out in their Performance Improvement Action Plans in water, electricity and solid waste services.

**Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) of 1999 Audit Outcomes**

- Cabinet deliberated on the General Report for National and Provincial Departments, Public Entities and Legislatures by the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) for the 2024/25 PFMA Audit Outcomes.
- The report shows slight improvement in Unqualified Opinions with no findings, popularly known as clean audits, which increased from 142 in 2023/24 to 151 in 2024/25; while irregular and wasteful expenditure declined compared to the previous year. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure decreased significantly from R3.54 billion in 2023/24 to R1.42 billion in 2024/25.
- Cabinet is concerned about a number of entities and departments that have stagnated on the Unqualified Audit with Findings category, with no implementation of action plans to correct findings. For example, since the 2023/24 report, only 38 material irregularities were resolved and a paltry R1.38 billion in financial losses were prevented or recovered.
- Members of Cabinet will actively monitor the implementation of action plans to address audit findings and support measures by the AGSA to bring accountability, robust internal controls and preventative measures that are key to good governance and service improvement.

**Fight against crime**

- Fight against crime bolstered by SANDF deployment in support of SAPS
- Cabinet welcomed the deployment of 2 200 members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) who will collaborate with the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the fight against illegal mining and gangsterism in the Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, North West and Western Cape.
- The SANDF will act as a force multiplier and operate with clear rules of engagement. The roll-out of the SANDF deployment is near completion.

**Our heritage and customs must be respected by all, in particular our visitors**

- Cabinet expressed disgust at the so-called coronation of a Nigerian national as an alleged chief in KuGompo City (formerly East London), in the Eastern Cape; and described it is a mere gimmick that had no legal effect.
- Cabinet confirmed that the establishment, recognition and functioning of any traditional leadership structure are strictly governed by the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act of 2019, which provides clear and non-negotiable procedures for legitimacy and recognition.
- Cabinet noted the apology from the Nigerian High Commission on this matter and directed DIRCO to continue engaging with the High Commission on the unacceptable conduct of Nigerians in South Africa, that is unbecoming of visitors.
- It is deeply concerning that legitimate grievances over this matter have resulted in acts of violence and criminality. Cabinet reminds citizens that the right to protest comes with responsibility and must be exercised peacefully and within the confines of the law.

**Advancing human rights Restoring dignity through land restitution**

- As part of restoring human dignity, President Cyril Ramaphosa returned 17 000 hectares of land benefitting approximately 2 000 beneficiaries to the St Paul, Ngunjini, Ndzimankulu/Vierkant communities and the Lawrence family in KwaZulu-Natal.
- Deputy President Paul Mashatile returned over 627 hectares of land and title deeds to the Schulk Marhiqa Communal Property Association, benefitting 18 households and 86 beneficiaries In the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, Mpumalanga.
- As of March 2025, a total of 83 205 land claims had been settled, resulting in the restoration of 3.9 million hectares of land to dispossessed communities and individuals since 1995. Government has invested R58 billion in land purchases, grants and financial compensation supporting 376 976 beneficiaries nationwide. Furthermore, a total of 5.3 million hectares have been redistributed since 1995, with government strengthening post settlement support, improving farm viability and expanding market access.

**Dignity and rights of the Khoi-San people reaffirmed**

- Cabinet welcomed the re-burial of ancestral remains of 63 Khoi and San people at the Kinderlê Monument, Steinkopf, Northern Cape. These remains form part of thousands of illegally removed remains of indigenous people during the late 19th and early 20th centuries to museums in Europe.
- The reburial is part of restoring the rights and human dignity of the Khoi and San people, and a reminder of the indignity brought by colonialisation and apartheid, that treated Africans as less human and creatures of ridicule and entertainment. The reburials are indicative of government's commitment to honour those who sacrificed their lives in the resistance struggle and the fight for freedom.
- The reburials coincide with another milestone of the inclusion of Khoi and San traditional names in the system of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), which is an important step towards restoring human dignity. For the first time in South Africa's history, birth certificates; smart IDs and passports can now formally recognise and record Khoi-San traditional names following the upgrading of IT systems at the DHA.

## CABINET DECISIONS

**Revised White Paper on Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Protection (CIRP)**

- Cabinet approved the revised White Paper on CIRP for implementation. The policy introduces a fundamental overhaul of South Africa's migration and citizenship framework. Following initial Cabinet approval in April 2024, the DHA published a draft Revised White Paper on 12 December 2025 to incorporate the priorities of the Government of National Unity.
- The White Paper seeks to consolidate the South African Citizenship Act of 1995, Immigration Act of 2002 and Refugees Act of 1998 into a single piece of legislation to remove existing legal contradictions. Key enhancements include integration of recommendations from Operation Vulindlela's report on visa policy reforms; additional clarity and detail to strengthen implementation of immigration and citizenship policies and greater focus on digital transformation.
- The revised White Paper aims to ensure a coherent, modernised approach to citizenship, immigration and refugee protection. It supports national development and national security objectives, including the First Safe Country principle, which encourages refugees to seek protection in the first country they reach that is considered safe.
- The revised White Paper makes provision for relevant government departments to designate trade, occupation and professions reserved solely for South Africans to give effect to section 22 of the Constitution of South Africa of 1996. The designation by the relevant departments must give due consideration to the right of asylum seekers to seek employment in order to earn a living maintain one's dignity.

**Research Report on the Impact of Climate Change on Persons with Disabilities**

- Cabinet approved the Research Report on the Impact of Climate Change on Persons with Disabilities and its publication.
- The aim of the report is to ensure that all climate action, mitigation and adaptation strategies are inclusive of persons with disabilities (PWDs).
- The study identifies significant gaps in measures to protect PWDs during disaster events.
- Key recommendations include the mainstreaming of climate change and disaster management responses; ensuring that early warning mechanisms are accessible to all PWDs; providing accessible and appropriate disaster responsive communication; prioritising women and girls with disabilities as well as older persons with disabilities in climate change planning; increasing the participation of PWDs in climate change policy development and implementation processes; and strengthening their inclusion in local level climate change policy formulation and implementation.

**Progress report on national interventions in the Ditsobotla Local Municipality**

- Cabinet was updated on national intervention progress of the Ditsobotla Local Municipality. Cabinet confirmed the appointment of a Cabinet representative and the approved Terms of Reference for the national intervention.
- Progress in the intervention includes:
- The regularisation of the appointments of the Mayor, Speaker and regularisation of Section 79/80 committees has been finalised; while a legal assessment is being conducted on the legality of the appointment of the Municipal Manager.
- The approval of the Financial Recovery Plan by the Minister of Finance is being processed by Council.
- Additionally, to ensure continuity in the provision of basic services, a Water and Sanitation Service Level Agreement has been concluded with Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and the associated business plan has been finalised. As part of the disaster management intervention following disasters experienced between November 2024 and February 2025, 95 of the planned 239 temporary housing units (TRU) have been constructed.
- The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) has finalised a review of the municipality's ICT infrastructure to support its recovery and service delivery. The DFFE has appointed a service provider to assist with the development of an Integrated Waste Management Plan, while the Provincial Department of Public Works has availed two trucks to support the removal of waste at identified illegal dumping sites.
- Engagements between the municipality and Eskom are at an advanced stage to conclude an agreement aimed at addressing electricity supply challenges. The JCPS Cluster departments continue to provide support through intelligence, crime prevention, prosecution and security management interventions. The Ministers of CoGTA and Finance continue to provide strategic and operational intergovernmental support to the intervention.

**Draft National Airports Development Plan (NADP)**

- Cabinet approved publication of the draft NADP for public comment. The NADP is a national planning framework developed by the DoT to guide coordinated development, expansion and long-term sustainability of South Africa's airport network. It provides a strategic, system-wide approach to airport infrastructure planning, ensuring alignment with national transport, economic and spatial development priorities.
- The NADP will ensure that airport development is planned, demand-driven and integrated; preventing uncoordinated expansion while maximising socio-economic returns from aviation infrastructure.
- Subsequently, the NADP will create an integrated, strategic network of airports to boost economic growth, logistics, tourism and job creation. It will guide and support both overall network planning and the development of individual airports that are integrated within their broader spatial and land use. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments on the plan on www.transport.gov.za.

**Draft National Rail Master Plan (NRMP)**

- Cabinet approved publication of the draft NRMP for public comment. The NRMP is a long-term strategic plan being developed to guide the revitalisation, expansion and modernisation of South Africa's rail system.
- The Master Plan translates the National Rail Policy approved by Cabinet in 2022 into a practical, phased investment and implementation plan for freight and passenger rail over the coming decades. It aims to create an affordable, competitive system by integrating passenger, freight and high-speed rail, while encouraging private sector participation.
- South Africa's rail system has experienced years of under-investment, declining performance, theft, vandalism and operational inefficiencies; resulting in congestion on roads, higher logistics costs and reduced economic competitiveness. The NRMP responds to these challenges by positioning rail as the backbone of the national transport system, supporting economic growth, job creation and climate goals.

**Draft Township and Rural Economy Development and Revitalisation Policy**

- Cabinet approved publication of the draft Township and Rural Economy Development and Revitalisation Policy for public comment. The policy is designed to transform local economies from consumption-driven areas into productive, vibrant hubs by integrating them into the mainstream economy. It aims to foster sustainable entrepreneurship, create employment and reduce poverty through targeted and coordinated support.
- The policy is anchored on several critical areas, namely (i) development of sustainable township and rural entrepreneurs; (ii) guiding the development of a well-coordinated and collective ecosystem approach; (iii) increasing access to economic and market opportunities; and (iv) reducing regulatory burdens that constrain township and rural economic growth.

**Draft South Africa Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy**

- Cabinet approved publication of the draft South Africa AI policy for public comment. The aim of the policy is to ensure that both the benefits and risks brought by AI are evenly distributed across society and generations. The AI Policy aims to strengthen government's ability to regulate and adopt AI responsibly, while encouraging local innovation, supporting job creation and improving access to AI skills.
- The policy is structured around six core pillars aimed at promoting the responsible development and ethical deployment of AI. These core pillars are: (i) capacity and talent development; (ii) AI for inclusive growth and job creation; (iii) responsible governance; (iv) ethical and inclusive AI; (v) cultural preservation and international integration; and (vi) human centred deployment. The policy recognises that a phased approach should be adopted, as AI deployment and risk profiles differ across sectors.

**National Entrepreneurship Strategy (NES) and implementation plan**

- Cabinet approved the NES and its implementation plan. The strategy aims to strengthen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and address youth unemployment. It is anchored on five pillars: (i) Enhancing entrepreneurship education and skills development; (ii) Facilitating technology exchange and innovation; (iii) Improving access to finance and markets; (iv) regulatory improvement; and (v) Promoting awareness and networking. Following an extensive public consultation process, the NES outlines measures to promote the culture of entrepreneurship in South Africa by providing an enabling environment for entrepreneurial activity and a supportive ecosystem in which MSMEs can thrive sustainably.
- The NES will be key to unlocking MSME potential, driving GDP growth, creating jobs and ensuring inclusive economic development. In addition, the strategy aims to coordinate the ecosystem for entrepreneurship development in the country, including recommendations for entrepreneurship to be incorporated into the curricula of the departments of Basic and Higher Education as a viable career choice.

**Incubation and Business Development Services (IBDS) Policy Framework**

- Cabinet approved the IBDS Policy Framework for implementation. The policy framework provides regulatory reform for the small enterprise ecosystem by clarifying the roles of various stakeholders and promoting coordinated and integrated support.
- It is a key component of the National Integrated Small Enterprise Development Master Plan, which serves as the guiding framework for all role-players involved in accelerating the growth of MSMEs through measurable programmes, products and services.
- Key objectives include improving the quality and standards of business development services; ensuring better access to support for MSMEs, especially in townships and rural areas; and fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. Furthermore, the framework positions small enterprises as primary drivers of job creation and inclusive growth, in line with the National Development Plan.

## BILLS

**The Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land (PIE) Amendment Bill, 2026**

- Cabinet approved the publication of the PIE Amendment Bill in the Government Gazette for public comment.
- The Bill aims to amend the PIE Act of 1998, combat illegal land invasions, protect property owners and curb the activities of organised land syndicates.
- Key proposals include criminalising the incitement of land invasions, extending criteria considered by courts when issuing orders and strengthening regulations regarding alternative accommodation. The amendments further seek to address ambiguities in the current Act, which create uncertainty regarding the definitions and requirements that must be met for a lawful eviction – notwithstanding the intentions or circumstances of persons engaged in unlawful occupation.

**The National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC) Bill, 2026**

- Cabinet approved submission of the NEDLAC Bill to Parliament for further processing. The draft Bill will repeal the NEDLAC Act of 1994 and proposes alignment of NEDLAC's institutional arrangements to changes in the constitutional legal order that have occurred since 1994.
- The draft Bill also enables the Minister to make regulations on admission and membership thresholds through a process that includes consultation and public submissions, making the system more transparent. The Bill will strengthen civil society participation in NEDLAC and reinforce it as a central social dialogue institution aimed at promoting economic growth, employment creation, social inclusion and social equity.

**General Laws (Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing) Amendment Bill, 2026**

- Cabinet approved introduction of the Bill to Parliament. The 2026 draft Bill builds on earlier versions of the General Laws (Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing) Amendment Bill and since then, National Treasury has expanded the proposals to include additional measures relating to strengthening the legal framework to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.
- The Bill amends the current Acts namely: (i) Financial Intelligence Centre Act of 2001; (ii) Non-profit Organisation Act of 1997; (iii) Trust Property Control Act of 1988; (iv) Companies Act of 2008; and (v) Financial Sector Regulation Act of 2017.
- These amendments are intended to strengthen South Africa's Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing system ahead of the country's next Financial Action Task Force Mutual Evaluation scheduled to begin in mid-2026 and conclude in October 2027.

**Protected Disclosures Bill, 2026**

- Cabinet approved publication of the draft Protected Disclosures Bill (Whistleblowers Protection Bill) for public comments. The Bill is part of legislative reforms aimed at strengthening the protection of whistleblowers through amendments to the existing Protected Disclosures Act of 2000. It also responds to recommendations from the State Capture Commission Report which called for better protection of policymakers and whistleblowers.
- The Bill contains proposals to criminalise retaliation and provide psychosocial, legal and financial support to whistleblowers. The Bill will broaden the definition of "whistleblower" to include contractors, consultants and members of the public and it will establish clear procedures for confidential disclosures.

**Electronic Communications Amendment (ECA) Bill, 2026**

- Cabinet approved submission of the ECA Bill to Parliament. The aim of the Bill is to amend the Electronic Communications Act of 2005. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to increase the level of competition in the telecommunications sector and drive down prices. The amendments are also intended to create an enabling environment for investment, with a key focus on reducing regulatory barriers to entry to improve competition and also allow the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa flexibility to regulate the sector.

**Conduct of Financial Institutions (COFI) Bill, 2026**

- Cabinet approved submission of the COFI Bill to Parliament. The purpose of the Bill is to create a single, holistic framework for regulating the market conduct of all financial institutions. This is part of government's broader goal to reform financial regulation towards a Twin Peaks model. The model is a regulatory system that splits financial supervision into two distinct authorities: the Prudential Authority for safety and soundness and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority for market conduct and consumer protection. The system creates a "safer" sector that operates in the interest of all consumers.
- The Bill will ensure fair customer treatment, enhance transformation and promote stability. It further supports transformation of the financial sector and requires financial institutions to have policies in place to comply with the Financial Sector Code. Also, the Bill supports market development and competition by enabling a differentiated approach to licensing to foster entry of new players such as financial technology.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Freedom Month**

- South Africa observes Freedom Month in April 2026 with a renewed sense of national pride, marking 32 years since the historic transition from the oppressive apartheid regime to a sovereign democratic state.
- This year's commemorations carry special significance as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Constitution, a transformative document that has guided us over our democratic journey to build a society based on justice and equality.
- Freedom Month is an opportunity for every citizen to advance the rights and responsibilities enshrined in our Constitution by fostering greater social cohesion and ongoing transformation of our nation.

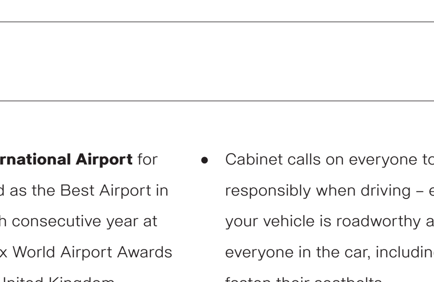
**Play your part and register to vote**

- The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has designated Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 June 2026 as an official voter registration weekend.
- Cabinet is urging eligible South Africans to register to vote in the upcoming Local Government Elections.
- You are eligible to vote if you are a South African citizen from age of 18 and in possession of a green bar-coded ID book, smart ID card or temporary identity certificate.
- Eligible voters can also register or update their details through the official IEC online portal https://registertovote.elections.org.za which is accessible at all times.
- Citizens are advised to remain vigilant and avoid clicking on suspicious links or visiting fake websites that impersonate the domain of the IEC.

**National Local Economic Development (LED) Summit**

- The Department of Small Business Development, in partnership with South African Local Government Association and CoGTA will convene the National LED Summit at Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre in Johannesburg on 15 and 16 April 2026. The summit will serve as a solutions-driven platform to repurpose local economic development in line with the new Draft White Paper on Local Government under the theme: "Re-Engineering Local Economies: A Collaborative Blueprint for Small Enterprise Growth and Ease of Doing Business".
- This summit will be addressed by President Cyril Ramaphosa and will be attended by leadership from the three spheres of government, SALGA, state-owned entities and development finance institutions, the private sector, traditional leaders and other LED stakeholders.
- The summit will accordingly shift LED from policy intent to practical action that strengthens local institutional capability, addresses spatial inequalities, coheres the public and private sectors around local growth divers and provides a more enabling regulatory environment for investment and MSME development.

**Freedom Month 2026**
Freedom and The Rule of Law-Thirty Years of Democratic Citizenship



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## MESSAGES

### CONDOLENCES

*Cabinet expressed condolences to the friends and family of:*

- Anti-apartheid activist, former Premier and former Minister of Defence, **Mr Mosiuoa Lekota**, who dedicated his life to the struggle for a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa.
- **Nicholas "Fink" Haysom**, a renowned human rights lawyer who served as Chief Legal Advisor to President Nelson Mandela and later as the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's Special Representative in various roles.
- Veteran journalist, esteemed author and dedicated stalwart, **Terry Bell**, who played a principled and effective role in the fight against apartheid, using both his voice and his writing to expose inequality and advance the cause for democratic change in South Africa.

### CONGRATULATIONS

*Cabinet extended its congratulations and well wishes to:*

- **Professor Nyaweleni Tshifularo** and his medical team for successfully separating conjoined twins in a groundbreaking operation at the Mankweng Hospital in rural Limpopo. This highly specialised procedure reaffirms the potential of South African hospitals including those in rural areas, to perform complex medical procedures as the country prepares to roll out the National Health Insurance.
- **Dr Keamogetswe Ramonaheng**, Head of Medical Physics and Radiobiology at the Nuclear Medicine Research Infrastructure (NuMeRI), on receiving the prestigious Saul Hertz Award at the 8th Theranostics World Congress for contributions to theranostics, an emerging field that combines diagnostic imaging and targeted radionuclide therapy to improve cancer treatment outcomes.
- **Professor Prinola Govenden**, from the University of Johannesburg, who has been awarded a prestigious UNESCO Chair: Cultural Inclusivity and Equity in Digital Media in Africa (2026 – 2030), after a very competitive global process of 135 applications submitted to UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.
- **Kutlwano Peta**, a Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences student, who was selected in 2025 as one of only 16 participants out of more than 1 800 applicants worldwide for the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants Global Talent Programme in Singapore. Kutlwano, who will soon be joining the AGSA Africa's office, was the sole participant representing Africa.
- South African long-distance runner, **Adriaan Wildschutt**, who made history as he claimed victory in the New York City Half-Marathon, becoming the first South African to win the world's premier half-marathon race.
- **Major-General Carl Moatshe**, who has been appointed to assume command of the SA Air Force with effect from 1 April 2026 and will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General. He succeeds the outgoing Chief of the Air Force, Lieutenant-General Wiseman Simo Mbambo, whose tenure was defined by steadfast leadership and service to the nation.
- **Ms Lytania Johnson** for being appointed CEO of First National Bank, after 25 years with the institution. She will also lead the bank's new Retail and Business unit.
- **Ms Valendee Reddy**, for being appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and the first woman of colour to hold such a position.
- **Springbok Sevens** – our beloved Blitzbokke – for being crowned the 2025/26 World Sevens Series champions and for winning the New York Sevens title.
- **Greater Tzaneen Municipality** in Mopani, Limpopo, for being named the cleanest municipality in South Africa at the National Waste Management Awards hosted by the DFFE.
- **Cape Town International Airport** for being recognised as the Best Airport in Africa for the 11th consecutive year at the 2026 Skytrax World Airport Awards held in London, United Kingdom. O.R. Tambo International Airport was ranked second best, while King Shaka International Airport in Durban placed fourth and also featured among the top regional airports in Africa.
- South Africa's appointment to the Communications Working Group of the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, convened under the UN. This appointment affirms South Africa's leadership in advancing strategic communication for gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Music Legend, **Dr Abdul Ibrahim**, on his retirement at the age of 91. A hero of the struggle for liberation who used music to tell the story of apartheid South Africa. South Africans owe him a debt of gratitude.

**Responsible behaviour during the Easter weekend**

- Cabinet wishes all South Africans a safe and joyous Easter long weekend. This is a time when many will travel around the country to visit family, friends or for religious purposes; and often comes with increased traffic volumes on our roads.
- Cabinet calls on everyone to act responsibly when driving – ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy and that everyone in the car, including children, fasten their seatbelts.
- We welcome visitors to our country and reassure South Africans and visitors alike that fighting crime remains one of the priorities of government, and through the work of the SAPS, we are making steady progress in the fight against crime. Our country continues to do all it can to ensure the safety of all who visit our shores.
- Popular tourist attractions are afforded additional security. With the Easter weekend approaching, the Border Management Authority (BMA) is ready to ensure efficient, secure and seamless movement of people and goods across South Africa's 71 ports of entry during this period.
- Due to the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak, Cabinet is appealing for responsible animal movement to prevent further spread of the disease. We understand the increased need to move animals as we satisfy meat consumption needs; however FMD protocols must be observed.

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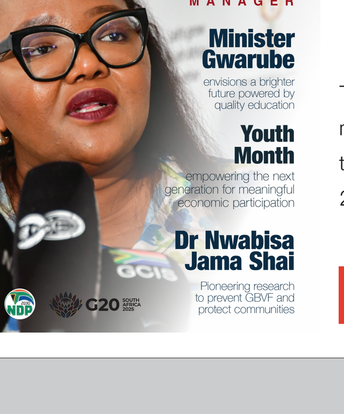


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