



Cabinet Statement

DID YOU KNOW?

Cabinet meeting of 10 MAY 2017

ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (WEF) AFRICA

- Robust engagements that took place at the 27th WEF on Africa, which saw President Zuma leading Team South Africa.
- Heads of State and Government from the African continent, global captains of industry and commerce, and civil society leadership, engaged under the theme: "Achieving inclusive growth: responsive and responsible leadership".
- Organisers confirmed that more than 1 000 delegates attended the event; a number that is unprecedented when compared with the previous WEF on Africa.
- This 27th session of the WEF on Africa reaffirmed to the world that South Africa and the African continent are ideal investment destinations that are open for business.
- The strong spirit of partnership between government and the business community during the WEF was extremely positive.

Call to action
We call on all South Africans and the business community in particular, to work with government so that we may achieve inclusive economic growth to create jobs, and eradicate inequality and poverty.

LAUNCH OF THE NEW PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA (PRASA) TRAINS AND TRAIN SERVICE

- Launched by President Jacob Zuma.
- When: Tuesday, 9 May 2017. Where: Pretoria Station.
- The new Metrorail (People's) trains are part of a new fleet that government will roll out over the next 10 to 15 years, part of PRASA's Modernisation Programme. This is part of government's ongoing commitment to ensure affordable and reliable public transport, and boost the country's economic infrastructure.
- This initiative will create thousands of sustainable jobs and job opportunities, with the manufacturing plant for the new trains underway in Nigel, Ekurhuleni.
- It is the beginning of the operationalization of the French and Brazil Agreement signed between PRASA and Alstom.
- Part of government's economic development through massive infrastructure development and it is disability friendly.
- All South Africans should be proud of and protect the new trains against acts of vandalism.
- The new state-of-the-art Metrorail (People's) trains offer unparalleled levels of comfort and service, and will transform commuters' travelling experience.

VUWANI PROTEST

- Cabinet welcomes the intervention by President Zuma in the troubled community of Vuwani.
- The meeting accepted His Majesty's proposal that the Vhembe District Municipality should provide services to the people of Vuwani while a solution on the demarcation issue is being sought. The proposed resolution is in line with applicable legislation governing municipalities.
- It was further decided that relevant national and provincial government departments should provide support to the district municipality to carry out this new mandate.
- The meeting, however, emphasised that the decision does not mean that the new municipality (LIM 345) is being disestablished.
- This decision provides space for all stakeholders in Vuwani and is part of government's commitment to finding an inclusive solution.
- The engagement of the President and all the stakeholders resulted in the schools, business returning back to normalcy.
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on a date still to be finalized with His Majesty King Toni Mpephu Ramabulana and all the relevant stakeholders in the area.

- We appeal to parents and the community to support departmental interventions to ensure that learners are back in class focusing on learning and catching up through interventions being rolled out at all schools.

During his State of the Nation Address in 2015, President Zuma made a call on the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster to deal decisively with violent and destructive protests. Cabinet reiterates this call that those who break the law will face the full might of the law.

VIOLENT PROTESTS

- Cabinet urges communities to refrain from violence, intimidation and looting when they raise their concerns.
- Cabinet condemns the violence and acts of looting and the destruction of business properties that took place recently in Coligny, Eldorado Park and Ennerdale.
- Cabinet calls on communities to raise their concerns in a manner that seeks solutions without necessarily resorting to violence and is part of government's commitment to finding an inclusive solution.
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fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

- Contributes to strengthening the transparency and integrity of the South African financial system and makes it harder for criminals involved in tax evasion, money laundering and illicit financial flows to hide.
- It forms one of the number of instruments we have as a country to fight white-collar crime in both the private and public sectors.
- Cabinet was apprised by the Minister of Finance, Mr Malusi Gigaba, that consultations are ongoing and will be finalised soon so as to ensure the process of promulgation of the regulations that will effect the FICA Act.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE AMENDMENT LAW

- Cabinet welcomes the signing of the Financial Intelligence Centre Amendment Bill into law by President Zuma.
- This elevates the country's national and international

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY REPORT

- The release of the 17th Commission for Employment Equity Report by the Minister of Labour, Ms Mildred Oliphant, shows the stubbornly slow pace of



CABINET DECISIONS

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)/WORLD BANK SPRING MEETINGS, INVESTOR ROADSHOW AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON AFRICA MEETINGS

- The Minister of Finance briefed Cabinet on the recent IMF/World Bank Spring meetings, Investor Roadshow and the WEF on Africa meetings.
- Also briefed on the G20 Compact with Africa

proposals, and the investors' and rating agencies' concerns.

- Extensive discussion on the world and regional economic outlook and what we need to do to reverse the downward trends.
- Cabinet reiterated that it remains committed to:
 - the fiscal policy trajectory outlined in Budget 2017;
 - the implementation of reforms to improve governance in state owned companies;

- maintaining the expenditure ceiling; and
- ensuring the stabilisation of government debts.
- Government programme on fast-tracking the implementation of structural reforms aimed at boosting economic growth as contained in the Nine-Point Plan remains relevant to address some of the issues raised by investors.
- The Minister of Finance will at a later stage brief on the outcome of these visits.
- Cabinet was also apprised on the upcoming visits by the rating agencies to interact with a number of organizations and government executives.
- Cabinet welcomes the recently released report by EY Consultancy firm on Foreign Direct Investment in Africa.

COMPREHENSIVE MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY

- Cabinet approved.
- Government is committed to the growth, development and transformation of South Africa's maritime transport sector, in support of socio-economic development while contributing to international trade.
- In line with Operation Phakisa (Oceans Economy and the National Development Plan (NDP) and National Infrastructure Plan), this promotes economic growth and boosts job creation.

DRAFT REVIEWED RURAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

- Cabinet approved.
- Responds to priorities of rural district municipalities and provinces by addressing the inadequate provision of Rural Transport Infrastructure and services, which limits socio-economic development.
- Integrates the rural environment into the mainstream economy by contributing towards the development of local and provincial economies through improved access to public transport and increased connectivity between urban and rural spaces.

DRAFT GREEN TRANSPORT STRATEGY

- Cabinet approved the publication for public comments.
- Transport plays a key role in enabling global trade in an

economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner.

- Transport systems form the backbone of South Africa's socio-economic activities by enabling the movement of people and goods.
- Emissions from transport sector contribute to the country's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with road transport being the leading contributor.
- The strategy aims to minimise the adverse impact of

transport demands based on sustainable development principles.



SOUTH AFRICA TO JOIN THE SMART AFRICA ALLIANCE

- This is an African-led collaboration focusing on developing relevant solutions and sharing resources to address development challenges facing the continent. It places Information and Communications Technologies at the centre

of the development agenda of African countries.

- South Africa will benefit both economically and politically through its participation in Smart Africa.
- By positioning the South African industry and expertise at the heart of Smart Africa's development

agenda, South Africa will contribute to the growth of local business in the region.

PROMULGATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION'S NATIONAL POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

- The 1999 policy focused on universal precautions and biomedical aspects

of prevention, and less on the structural, social and behavioural drivers of HIV.

- This policy proposes a paradigm shift towards approaching HIV as a core management issue using a public-health approach, as well as inclusion of TB as a priority within schools, amongst others.
- The scope of application is widened to learners, educators and officials in public and independent schools.

BILLS



AIRPORTS COMPANY AMENDMENT BILL OF 2017

AIR TRAFFIC AND NAVIGATION SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL OF 2017

- Amendments in these two Bills provide for:
 - a permanent Regulatory Structure; and
 - the setting up of appeal mechanism committees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOURISM INDABA 2017

- President Zuma will deliver the opening address at the 2017 Tourism Indaba.
- Where: Hosted at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban.
- When: 16 to 18 May 2017.
- International indaba that will again showcase South Africa's products and services in the tourism and hospitality sector.
- Also promote and support the ongoing transformation and development of the South African tourism industry notably the role entrepreneurs and small business owners play.
- More than 10 million international tourists arrived in South Africa in 2016, 13% more than in 2015. This is well over the global average growth rate of 3% for the period.



engage the public on energy efficiency, energy security, alternative energy matters and how they are all central to household, commercial and industrial consumption.



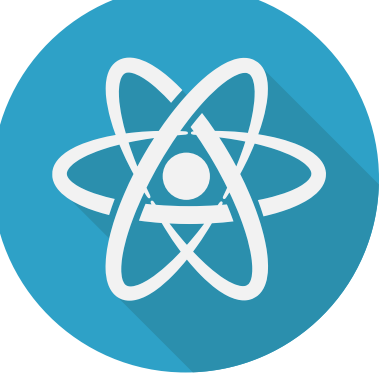
2017 BUDGET VOTES

- When: May 2017.
- Presents an opportunity for departments to present to Parliament and to the general public how they will use the 2017 budgets allocated to them through various programmes.
- Cabinet calls on the public to engage with these presentations as they are presented through the parliamentary process.

- The Department of Arts and Culture is leading a number of activities, which are aimed at promoting African unity.
- 25 May 2017** - President Zuma will host a luncheon at the Sefako Makgatho Presidential Guesthouse.

ENERGY MONTH

- Under the leadership of the Minister of Energy, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi
- When: May



- Theme: "Promoting affordable and sustainable energy mix in support of radical socio-economic transformation"
- Energy Month will educate, create awareness and

SANITATION WEEK

- The Department of Water and Sanitation will host Sanitation Week.
- When: 16 and 22 May 2017.
- Theme: "Sanitation for Health and Dignity".
- Government has committed to bringing dignity to South

AFRICA MONTH

- South Africa is celebrating Africa Month under the theme: "Building a better Africa and a Better World."



SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF) DEPLOYMENT

- President Zuma has extended the deployment of members of the SANDF in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- 1 371 members of the SANDF have been deployed in the DRC in support of the United Nations (UN) Organisation Stabilisation Mission.
- Their deployment has been extended from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.
- Deployments on the continent are in continued support of regional and continental processes to respond to and resolve crises, promote peace and security, strengthen regional integration, significantly increase intra-African trade and champion sustainable development in Africa.

MESSAGES

- Cabinet extended condolences to the government and the people of the Republic of Tanzania on the tragic bus accident that resulted in the death of 36 people, 33 of them children.

in Gold (1); The Order of Ikhamanga in Silver (7); The Order of Ikhamanga



in Bronze (1); The Order of the Baobab in Gold (1); The Order of the Baobab in Silver (2); The Order of the Baobab in Bronze (2); The Order of Luthuli in Silver (29); The Order of Luthuli in Bronze (1); The Order of Mapungubwe in Silver (2); and The Order of the Companions of OR Tambo in Gold (1).

- Mr Emmanuel Macron, President-elect of the Republic of France, following his victory of the French presidential elections on 7 May 2017.
- The former Mayor of Johannesburg and South African Local Government Association Chairperson, Mr Parks Tau, on his appointment as co-chair of the UN High Level Independent Panel to oversee the effectiveness of the Habitat III.
- The Department of Trade and Industry, which took home the Best Foreign Exhibitor Award at the 58th Zimbabwe International Trade Fair, which took place from 25 to 30 April 2017.

