

# Cabinet Meeting of 27 February 2019

Cabinet met on Wednesday, 27 February 2019 at Tuynhuys in Cape Town



dialogue involving all

affected parties in tha

coin series: Africa's Big

√ 2019-2021 platinum coin

series: Africa's Big Five;

√ 2020 Natura coin series:

√ 2020 Natura coin series:

Cradle of Humankind -

√ 2020 21/2c tickey and

African Inventions -

Retinal Cryoprobe;

R2 crown series: South

√ 2020 R10 and R5 colour

coin series: Birds and

Flowers of the Cape

Reserve; and

Gondwana.

Winelands Biosphere

x 2021 Natura coin series:

R25 fine-silver coin:

the Supercontinent

government regarding

public library and

information services.

Once approved, the Bill

inequalities in respect

of public libraries and

provide for sufficient

resources for impaired

persons, youth, elderly

in urban and rural areas.

and non-English speakers

will address the historical

R25 fine-silver coin:

the Supercontinent

Gondwana;

Hominids;

country.

Five;

in South Africa, we

solution can only be

achieved from internal

and inclusive political

human rights, and is in

accordance with South

Africa's international

Constitution provides

for the prevention of the

violation of the rights of

persons held in places of

detention through state

sanction or court order.

collectors' coin series

collectors' coin series to

be issued in 2019-2021:

√ 2019 'Celebrating South

Africa' coin series: 25

√ 2019-2021 pure-gold

the publication of South

African Public Library and

Information Services Bill of

2019 for public comment.

The Bill seeks to address

the transformational issues

in providing public libraries

previously disadvantaged

with the communities,

particularly those

Cognisant of the fact

Democracy;

Years of a Constitutional

Designs of the

commemorative

Cabinet approved

commemorative

the designs of the

obligations. The

believe that a permanent

### 1. ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

### ■ 2019 Budget Speech (SoNA)

Cabinet welcomes the

- 2019 Budget Speech of separating Eskom's delivered by Finance business divisions Minister Tito Mboweni into three separate in Parliament, Cape Town on Wednesday, 20 February 2019, as a framework that has set South Africa on a path where together we are enabled to renew and rebuild our economy into an inclusive and thriving one.
- The Budget Speech brings into effect the commitments outlined by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address in Parliament, Cape Town on 7 February 2019

Imposing strict

Overcoming the

■ ESKOM

that was established

in response to recent

Security. It will be

required to monitor

their first preliminary

the leadership of the

three labour unions

recognised by Eskom,

and the engineering

✓ The meeting with

labour reported on

the problems with

Eskom's operations and

well as maintenance and

generation system as

unplanned outages.

√ The meeting sought

to establish a basis

for formal future

consultations.

✓ The restructuring

of Eskom was also

discussed, and all

parties agreed that

fraternity:

the coal-mining industry

engagement with

- Cabinet supports various initiatives, including cutting the public sector wage bill, in order to generate additional savings to strengthen government's finances. Association of Black
- conditions of financial support to Eskom to help the utility restructure into a viable provided a set of organisation is also welcomed. We all have a part to play in growing the economy and creating jobs for our people
- toughest challenges electricity supply stemming from the MINCOSA and ECSA legacy of apartheid means working together with government Operations and to implement its Maintenance Review programmes, grow the economy and be announced shortly.

#### attract more foreign investment. Cabinet received a report from Deputy President David Mabuza the basic rationale on the work of the Joint Special Cabinet Committee on Eskom

- electricity supply disruptions and the in South Africa's negative impact on the economy. Government's trajectory towards coordinated efforts to bring financial, operational and structural sustainability to Eskom are proceeding in earnest. The Special Cabinet of renewable Committee is convened by Deputy President Mabuza and includes the Ministers of Public Enterprises, Energy, Transport, Finance, Police and State
- energy supply daily. transformation and • In line with President climate change. Ramaphosa's commitment that government's response to the electricity crisis must be inclusive and consultative, the Minister of Public Enterprises and the Eskom Board Chairperson had
  - future. The World Bank Group recently hosted the South African the theme: "Batteries, **Energy Storage** and the Renewable Future - Towards a
  - Delegates from industry, finance, utilities, regulators, government and academia discussed advancements in the renewable-energy sector including policy regulatory, financial,

- understand the roadmap
- operating entities The coal-mining industry was convened under the auspices of the Minerals Council of South Africa (MINCOSA), and the meeting raised problems related to: √ coal supply; √ costs and pricing; and

interactions to better

and the implications

- √ the quality of coal provided to Eskom.
- Further engagements were convened with the engineering fraternity under the auspices of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). All engineering specialist disciplines were represented by their respective voluntary associations, including the National
- Engineers. The ECSA gave its analysis of the problems facing Eskom and recommendations about how to involve the broader South African academic and technical professional fraternity in the urgent interventions
- will assist government to establish a Technical Team for Eskom that will

required to stabilise

- Renewable Energy Cabinet supports the announcements by **Energy Minister Jeff** Radebe, which reaffirm energy in arresting the high negative impact of fossil fuel sources of energy such as oil and coal.
- Energy is a key enabler socio-economic growth and development. The National Development Plan (NDP) states that South Africa needs at least 20 000 megawatts energy by 2030. The Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme has made a significant impact on the economy, job creation, community upliftment, economic
- While South Africa continues to make a significant contribution to the global effort for a low-carbon and climate resilient developments, government remains committed to ensuring a responsible and just transition to a cleaner
- Renewable Energy and **Energy Storage Systems** in Cape Town from 25 to 26 February 2019 under 100% Dispatchable Renewable Energy

- applications, innovation, codes and standards issues that are required for the expansion of renewable energy
- Renewable energy and energy storage technologies enable us to convert electrical power into an energy form and store it for later use when needed
- Energy storage systems reduce the need for back-up capacity from coal or gas-fired electrical generation plants, thereby reducing power sector emissions and help us mitigate against climate change

### ■ Special Economic Zones (SEZs)

- Programme Cabinet welcomes local and international investor confidence displayed through investments in the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (SBIDZ), which is developing into a world-class offshore and martime hub. This is part of the Department of Trade and Industry's
- SEZ Programme. The establishmen of SEZs countrywide is reversing the concentration of economic activity to certain areas of the country as a result of apartheid spatial
- planning. Since their establishment, SEZs have contributed to attracting foreign direct investment such as the recently signed R3billion investment at the
- The SBIDZ's investment pipeline includes at least five more once completed, add another R2.4 billion of investment to the short and medium-term outlook of the zone

# Water supply

SBIDZ.

 Cabinet welcomes the Mzimvubu Water Project's advanced infrastructure at Esighunggwini village in Tsolo, situated in MhIontlo Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape, as an example of how government continues to meet the needs of communities despite South Africa being a water-stressed country

 The realisation of such water projects create job opportunities, and ensure potable water supply for domestic and industrial use Since the advent of

democracy much work has been done to ensure that communities have access to basic services like clean water. Nearly 90% of households currently have access to piped water.

School safety Cabinet condemns reported incidents of bullying, robberies and violence in some of the country's schools. Our children need safe environments of learning and we call on learners, educators

parents and guardians

to work together to

protect our children

socially, physically and emotionally. Cabinet also commends the South African Police Service for their swift apprehension of suspects involved in an attempted hijacking at

Gauteng.

 Cabinet makes a special appeal to school governing bodies to assess the existing infrastructure of their schools to ensure that school buildings are safe, regularly maintained and conducive to learning.

#### Unacceptable practices by some religious leaders

Cabinet noted with

- concern recent media reports about certain unacceptable practices by some religious leaders. The recent purported resurrection of a deceased person is a case in point. More of such incidences have happened in the recent past, ranging from spraying of congregants with poisonous insecticides to encouraging them to consume vehicle fuel
- People approach religious institutions to gain spiritual fulfilment and psychological strength, especially when they are at their lowest and most

rats and grass, among

others.

- vulnerable state Cabinet calls on all people to work together to stop these practices which abuse people's vulnerability and endanger their lives
- The law-enforcement agencies should intervene where acts of criminality have been committed under the guise of religion. Cabinet has also noted
- that the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities is investigating these practices, which will provide a more comprehensive intervention that will stop them.

#### **GET READY TO VOTE** 08 MAY 2019 | 7AM - 9PM

### ■ 2019 National and **Provincial Elections**

- Cabinet calls on all eligible South Africans especially young first time voters who have registered in their thousands, to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming National and Provincial Elections on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, and have a say in
- the future of the country President Ramaphosa has officially proclaimed and gazetted 8 May 2019 as the date for the national and provincial elections. This means the voters' roll is now officially closed and people will no longer be

able to register to vote

- in the May elections The President has also in terms of Section 2A of the Public Holidays Act, 1994 (Act 36 of 1994) as amended, declared 8 May 2019 as a public holiday throughout the
- country. In South Africa, the right to vote is a culmination of years of struggle for our freedom. It came at a huge cost with countless of our country men and women sacrificing their lives.
- Caster Semenya Cabinet joins the rest
- of South Africa in standing united behind

Semenya. Her case, which is being heard before the Court of Arbitration for Sport is more than just a sporting matter. It is about fundamental human rights and the inherent dignity of all people

• We call on people to show their support at #HandsOffCaster. Let us show the world that we are a nation which values fairness, equality and respect for human



the positive outcomes

#### ■ Creative industry Cabinet is pleased with

of the Creative Industry interaction led by Communications Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, held under the theme: "Leveraging on Digital Platforms for Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) Creatives". The purpose was to engage the industry to assess the impact of the 4IR on the creative sector, and within the broadcasting

- and audio-visual sector, and to develop formal stakeholder platforms towards its transformation. • Participants agreed that government should engage stakeholders and Parliament on the Copyright Amendment
- Bill, development of the Media Transformation Charter, engage broadcasters in an endeavour to curb exploitation of small and and ensure that content owners duly benefit from their content being used on online

#### Fake social media accounts

platforms.

 Cabinet notes with concern fake LinkedIn and Facebook accounts Ministers.

which claim to be that of Ministers and Deputy We wish to warn members of the public not to be misled and

- drawn in by these fake accounts, some of which promise fake business opportunities, and which requests people to pay money to be part of these business opportunities. No member of the Executive solicits payments for any official transactions via social media. In cases of doubt, please contact the various ministries or
- departments at www. gov.za. Members of the public are urged to exercise caution and those who fell prey to these impersonators should immediately report it to the police.
- Cabinet condemns activities performed in the name of members of the Executive or any other member of society through fake social media accounts.
- We distance ourselves from the comments, views and photographs purported by these fake accounts.

# Venezuela

 Cabinet is concerned about the unfolding situation in Venezuela, especially the humanitarian challenges attention. We commend efforts by the United Nations (UN) to provide humanitarian support to locals and call on the

2. CABINET DECISIONS

- National Action Plan (NAP) to Combat Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related **Intolerance** • Since 1994, successive
  - administrations have worked to unite all our people, foster national unity and ensure greater social cohesion. Healing the divisions of the past is a continuous process that must go hand in hand with ensuring greater economic opportunities for more people. Cabinet has therefore approved the NAP to Combat Racism

Racial Discrimination,

#### Xenophobia and Related Intolerance for tabling at

the UN.

- 3. BILLS ■ Tourism Amendment Bill Tourism is a sector that holds the promise of incredible opportunities and must be nurtured to grow and further develop. The NDP recognises that tourism has the potential to become one of the main
- drivers in the economy In further pursuing the country's tourism potential as a significant generator of jobs and revenue, Cabinet approved the publication of the Tourism Amendment Bill for public comment, which amends the Tourism Act, 2014
- (Act 3 of 2014) The amendments improve the governance of South African Tourism as an entity under also empower the Minister
- thresholds regarding shortterm home rental The Bill also provides for the competence requirements

international community

of Venezuela during this

Cabinet further supports

This follows extensive

departments, Chapter

Nine institutions, civil-

society organisations and

relevant stakeholders in

consultations

all provinces.

contribute to and

ensure government's

international, regional

and national obligations.

International Convention

on the Elimination of

Discrimination and the

Programme of Action

adopted by the UN

Conference against

Durban Declaration and

following the 3rd World

All Forms of Racial

compliance with its

specifically the

The NAP will

with government

to support the people

difficult time.

- driving. Bill of 2019 wider access to the post-
- the authority of a board. They
- Central Application Service
- As a nation we are committed to opening up and ensuring school education and training system. A crucial part of this process lies in ensuring that prospective students have access to a single, affordable and easy-to-understand application system which covers multiple institutions of

higher learning. To this effect,

Cabinet approved publication

South Africa's commitment to

addressing gender inequity

and inequality in the country

programmes and actions to

and continue to introduce

address these.

2019.

Mine.

country.

Mining Investment

• Where: Northern Cape

Cabinet welcomes the

International's Gamsberg

than R21.8 billion builds on

the commitments received

during the country's inaugural

Investment Conference held

last year, which triggered a

new wave of industrial and

economic development in the

at the height of construction

and 700 people permanently.

• The investment of more

#### Service Bill of 2019 in the Government Gazette, for public comment.

The Bill provides for the

calls for the people of

Venezuela to be afforded

the opportunity to decide

their own future. Drawing

from our own experience

Racism held in Durban,

KwaZulu-Natal in 2001

Optional Protocol to

Torture and other

Cruel, Inhuman or

Punishment

Cabinet approved

submission of the

Optional Protocol to

the Convention against

Torture and other Cruel

Inhuman or Degrading

to Parliament for

of 1996.

ratification in terms

of Section 231(2) of

Ratification promotes

constitutionalism and

the Constitution of the

Republic of South Africa

Treatment or Punishment

the Convention against

**Degrading Treatment or** 

- of tourist guides and for the establishment of a public regulation of tourist guide entity that will streamline applications into higher education and training programmes, reduce the cost of application, provide applicants with information on academic programmes
  - and enable the Department of Higher Education and Training and institutions of higher learning to monitor equity and
  - South African Public Services Bill of 2019 In pursuit of a culture
  - Library and Information
  - of a reading nation,
  - demographics.
- library. It also promotes
- municipalities, this Bill amongst others, provides the norms and standards of the ideal public

The responsibility to ensure a

clean and safe environment

rests with all South Africans.

clean starts with us, and it is

implement sustainable waste

Phakisa: Chemical and Waste

Keeping our communities

homes and businesses

The President will also

launch the Operation

Economy, which aims to

environmental footprint.

NATIONAL LAUNCH

GOOD GREEN DEEDS PROGRAMME

support the South African

economy while reducing its

important that

management

practices.

- that the provision of Arts and Culture Minister public libraries in terms Nathi Mthethwa will hold a of the Constitution is media briefing to unpack a competence of the the Bill.
- cooperative governance and coordination across

details will be announced

love of reading.

KwaZulu-Natal.

• The Department of

2019.

■ Small-scale fisheries • When: Thursday, 14 March

Where: Matigulu community,

Agriculture, Forestry and

Fisheries (DAFF), in line with

the Marine Living Resources

Act, 1998 (Act 18 of 1998), as

amended, will allocate fishing

rights to small-scale fisheries

in Matigulu community, KwaZulu-Natal on. This

follows a launch in Port

mainly women in these

Cape and Western Cape.

Nolloth in the Northern Cape.

• The DAFF has also conducted

extensive training to benefit

communities. Similar launches

will also be held in the Eastern

Cabinet welcomes the mobile

application developed by the

DAFF called the Abalobi app

which aims to assist small-

scale fisheries to link their

sea harvest directly with the

market such as fish retailers.

soon. The programme aims to

improve the reading habits of

South Africans by instilling the

# 4. UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Declaration of genderbased violence (GBV)

- When: Date to be
- announced The fight against the scourge of GBV will be strengthened when President Ramaphosa together with various non-governmental organisations, signs a declaration to combat GBV. The signing
- in November last year. ■ 63rd Session on the UN Commission on the Status

ceremony follows the

inaugural Presidential GBV

and Femicide Summit held

- When: Wednesday, 13 March
- Where: New York, USA. • The Minister of Women, Ms Bathabile Dlamini, will be leading a delegation to present the country report for the 63rd Session of the UN
- Women. The commission will consider "social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the

empowerment of women and

girls" as a priority theme.

The report will highlight

5. MESSAGES

Cabinet congratulates:

photographer Allen

for winning the shark

photography category

at the World ShootOut

2018 awards held in

√ Chef Kobus van der

Merwe of Wolfgat

Walker of Warner Beach

Congratulations

√ underwater

Germany

Commission on the Status of

- - The first phase of the mine will receive an investment of R5.5 billion and has an estimated lifespan of over 30 years. The mine will employ 3 000 people
  - Inaugural Maritime
  - **Transport Sector Dialogue** • When: from 28 February to 1 March 2019.
  - Where: Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.
  - in the Western Cape, which won the
  - Award at the inaugural World Restaurant Awards in Paris. √ the people of Nigeria and Senegal – and also

Restaurant of the Year

echoes the sentiment of the African Union Commission – for holding successful

potential of South Africa as a maritime country defined by its trade and geostrategic location on a major sea-trading route, the Minister of Transport, Dr Blade Nzimande, will host a two-day

In further exploring the

- Inaugural Maritime Transport • When: Thursday, 28 February Sector Dialogue. The dialogue signifies the commitment made by the official opening by President Department of Transport Ramaphosa of Vedanta Zinc in 2019 to accelerate the
  - Comprehensive Maritime Transport Policy (CMTP) approve by Cabinet in 2017. The event will consider actions that must be undertaken to deepen transformation, attract investment into strategic maritime infrastructure projects considered as critical

in the positioning South Africa

as an Internation Maritime

Centre. It is also a build-up

to the future establishment of

implementation of the

- the Maritme Transport Sector Development Council as envisaged by the CMTP.
- Good Green Deeds • When: Friday, 8 March 2019.
- Where: Buffalo City, Eastern
- President Ramaphosa will lead the national campaign "Good Green Deeds"

forward to the

countries.

Condolences

Ramaphosa in

deepening of bilateral

political, economic and

South Africa and both

Cabinet joins President

expressing condolences

on the passing of jazz

trade relations between

- PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA Date: 08 March 2019 | Time:08h00 Venue: Sisa Dukashe Stadium, Mdantsane, East London
  - National Reading Coalition
  - When: Date to be announced. President Ramaphosa will lend further impetus to the NRC at an event of which the



immense contribution to the cultural heritage of South Africa and the continent.

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