

Cabinet Statement

DID YOU KNOW?

Cabinet Meeting of 25 April 2018

Cabinet met on Wednesday, 25 April 2018, at Tuynhuys, Cape Town

1. ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT



Funerals of stalwarts and veterans

- Cabinet thanks all people around the world, especially South Africans, for their warm and generous response in the wake of the passing of:
 - ✓ Imbokodo **Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela**;
 - ✓ Struggle stalwart **Dr Zola Skweyiya**, and
 - ✓ Trade unionist **Archie Sibeko**.

- The Task Team comprises the Ministers of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (Convener); Health; Finance; Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, as well as the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster of Ministers.

Whilst noting the concerns that were raised by communities, Cabinet strongly condemns the acts of violence, looting and destruction of property that accompanied protests in some areas of the province.

Public sector wage negotiations

- Cabinet was briefed on the current Public Service wage negotiations.

Cabinet urged the Department of Public Service and Administration together with the mandating committee to work expeditiously to resolve the impasse on the wage negotiations.

Bus strike

- Cabinet calls on all stakeholders in the public transport sector to bring a speedy end to the national bus strike.

We urge all parties to return to the negotiation table so as to reach an agreement that is in the best interest of all parties and the country.

Violence at Moses Mabhida Stadium

- Cabinet condemns the senseless violence and malicious damage to property by soccer fans following a pitch invasion at Durban's Moses Mabhida Stadium during a Premier Soccer League game at the weekend.
- Law-enforcement agencies are urged to ensure that all those involved in hooliganism and acts of violence at the match are held responsible for their actions.

Cabinet calls for a swift investigation and the implementation of stricter security measures to ensure the safety of spectators and officials. It urges all role players to cooperate with investigations to prevent future occurrences.

Community radio stations

- Cabinet welcomes the agreement reached to reconnect 15 community radio

stations that were suspended by Sentech for non-payment of signal distribution fees, while more sustainable solutions are being sought.

- ✓ The agreement was reached after government met with:
 - ✓ National Community Radio Forum;
 - ✓ Media Development and Diversity Agency; and
 - ✓ Independent Communications Authority of South Africa.
- The community radio sector is a critical communication platform that gives our people access to information, and which serves as a means to creating an informed citizenry. All parties have agreed to convene soon to come up with a long-lasting solution that will result in the sustainability of these stations.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)

- South African delegation led by:** President Ramaphosa.
- Theme:** 'Towards a Common Future'.
- Dates:** 19 to 20 April 2018.
- Cabinet welcomes the adoption of the Programme of Action for the Commonwealth for the next two years.
- In positioning South Africa as one of the world's leading emerging market investment destinations, President Ramaphosa also:
 - ✓ Addressed the African Leaders' Roundtable of the Commonwealth Business Forum;
 - ✓ Engaged with senior international investors and business leaders;
 - ✓ Extended an invitation to leading investors and leaders of business to attend South Africa's much anticipated Investment Summit scheduled for later this year.
 - Under the leadership of President Ramaphosa, the South African delegation also used the opportunity presented by the CHOGM to continue lobbying for South Africa's candidature to the United Nations (UN) Security Council for the term 2019 – 2020.
 - These elections are:
 - ✓ **Scheduled for:** 8 June 2018.
 - ✓ **Where:** New York, USA.

Investment

- Cabinet welcomes President Ramaphosa's appointment of four special envoys on investment to engage both domestic and foreign investors around economic opportunities in South Africa.
- These envoys are mandated to attract investment in a focused and cost-effective manner. The investment drive will culminate in a major investment conference towards the end of the year to raise more than R1 trillion in new investments over five years.

Launch of Gauteng's InvestSA One-Stop Shop

Cabinet strongly encourages local and international investors to use the Provincial One-Stop Shop investment facilities being launched around the country – the latest being Gauteng's One-Stop Shop.

- The InvestSA One-Stop Shop is a presidential programme to promote and facilitate investment in South Africa.
- The InvestSA One-Stop Shop has been successfully implemented in:
 - ✓ KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape.
- One-Stop Shop investment centres are being rolled out in all the provinces, and will be used to coordinate and incorporate the special economic zones, provincial investment agencies, local authorities and the relevant government departments involved in:
 - ✓ regulatory;
 - ✓ registration;
 - ✓ permits; and
 - ✓ licensing matters.

Science and Technology

- Cabinet commends all those involved in the realisation of ZACUBE-2, which is Africa's largest and most advanced cube satellite. The 4kg ZACUBE-2 satellite was:
 - ✓ developed by the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) and the French South African Institute of Technology;
 - ✓ managed by the South African National Space Agency; and
 - ✓ funded by the Department of Science and Technology.
- It is the second nanosatellite to be developed at the CPUT.
- The cube satellite has been sent to India for launching into space. It will help gather data to unlock economic growth in the oceans economy.



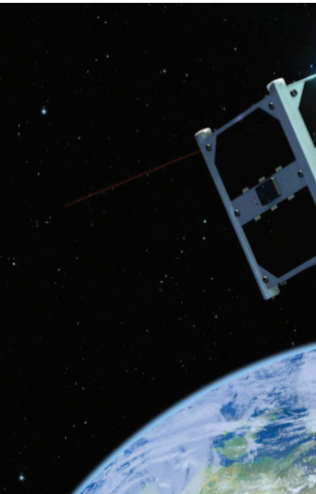
offices in the Western Cape to allow social-grant beneficiaries to swap existing cards for the new South African Post Office (SAPO) - SASSA Postbank cards.

The nanosatellite will assist in addressing the needs of the Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy programme and also help track marine activity along South Africa's coast and proactively detect forest fires.

KwaZulu-Natal Mining Indaba

- Cabinet welcome the outcome of the Two-day KwaZulu-Natal Mining Indaba, where delegates deliberated on issues that will help in transforming the sector and unlock mining value-chain opportunities in the province.

Mining is one of the key sectors that can assist us to transform our economy and Cabinet has called on the mining companies, labour and communities to strengthen relations in order for mining to be sustainable.



2020/21 demonstrates governments commitment to assisting students from poor and working-class households.

Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMME) Support Programme

- Cabinet welcomes the launch of the Employment Promotion through the SMME Support Programme, which is a partnership between the:
 - ✓ Department of Small Business Development and European Union.
- It will support SMMEs through business development services, assist them with access to markets, improve their access to finance, and help ease the administrative and regulatory burden on small businesses.

Control of Tobacco Products and Electronic Delivery Systems Bill of 2017

- Cabinet approved for publication of the Bill in the Government Gazette for public comments.

2. CABINET DECISIONS

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the National Youth Policy (NYP) 2015-2020

- Cabinet approved the framework, which provides for accountability and efficiency in the achievement of the NYP 2020 objectives.
- The policy aims to improve performance and enhance service delivery, particularly to the programmes of the youth.

Africa Month

- Cabinet approved the hosting of the Annual Africa Month Programme.
- When:** May 2018.
- Theme:** 'A Year of Nelson Mandela – Building a Better Africa and a Better World'.

3. BILLS



Control of Tobacco Products and Electronic Delivery Systems Bill of 2017

- The Bill repeals the Tobacco Products Control Act, 1993 (Act 83 of 1993) so as to promote public health and to align the South African tobacco control law with the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.
- It addresses key areas relating to:
 - ✓ indoor public areas;
 - ✓ display of tobacco products at point of sale;
 - ✓ use of electronic devices; and



4. UPCOMING EVENTS

Freedom Day

- Cabinet commends all South Africans and sectors who are in various ways participating in the current Freedom Month celebrations.
- Keynote Address by:** President Ramaphosa.
- Theme:** 'The year of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: towards full realisation of our freedom through radical socio-economic transformation'.
- Where:** Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein, Free State.
- The event will be followed by the 2018 National Orders Awards.
- Led by:** President Ramaphosa.
- When:** Saturday, 28 April 2018.
- Where:** Pretoria.
- Deserving recipients will be bestowed with the:
 - ✓ Order of the Baobab;
 - ✓ Order of Ikhamanga;
 - ✓ Order of Luthuli; and
 - ✓ Order of the

Cabinet congratulates:

- Ndebele artist Esther Mahlangu**, who received an honorary doctorate from the University of Johannesburg in recognition of her outstanding contribution to South African indigenous arts and culture.
- Team South Africa** who held our flag high at the Commonwealth Games on Australia's Gold Coast, when they finished sixth with a total of 37 medals (13 gold, 11 silver and 13

- The month of May celebrates the achievements made in the development of Africa. The events culminate in Africa Day on 25 May, which is a day declared by the African Union and celebrated throughout Africa.

Sexual exploitation, abuse and serious misconduct cases against deployed South African National Defence Force (SANDF) members

- Cabinet was briefed on the report and interventions made on the status of these cases against deployed SANDF members that support the UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- Whilst Cabinet was satisfied with interventions made in addressing these abuses, it condemns in the strongest possible terms any form of sexual abuse and acts of misconduct by the SANDF members in the mission areas.
- A team was deployed to investigate all the reported allegations. Although some of the cases have been finalised, others are already at the stage of military trials.



All these investigations have been conducted through the military legal process in a transparent and

accountable manner. Cabinet further supported the finalisation of the Military Disciplinary Bill, which seeks to deal with overall discipline in the SANDF, including strengthening the definition of sexual exploitation and the minimum sanction increased to 10 years.

South Africa will as usual continue to react swiftly when dealing with such incidences. Ill-discipline and criminal behaviour in the ranks of the SANDF is despised and will not be tolerated. Those found to have transgressed will be dealt with through the Code of Conduct and Military Disciplinary Code.

5. MESSAGES

Integrated Framework Bill of 2018

- Cabinet approved for the publication of the Bill in the Government Gazette for public comments.
- The Bill seeks to achieve coordinated and integrated planning across all spheres of government, which are mutually reinforcing and work cohesively to promote more effective

implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP): Vision 2030.

Institutionalising planning is in line with the NDP and seeks to give effect to the commitment in the Medium Term Strategic Framework 2014-2019 to establish mechanisms and capacity within the State



INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY



May Day celebrations

- Cabinet calls on all workers around the country to join in celebrating Workers' Day to reflect on the gains of workers' rights since the dawn of democracy.
- When:** Tuesday, 1 May 2018.
- This day serves

as a reminder that workplaces should be safe and that employers must do more to ensure the safety of their workers, especially in the mining sector.

Cabinet also expressed its heartfelt sympathy to the families, friends and

colleagues of the six miners who were burnt to death when the bus taking them to work was set alight by a petrol bomb thrown by unknown attackers.

Cabinet called on community members to assist the police in their quest to swiftly crack this case.

Team South Africa

- winning three awards at the 10th Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2018, in recognition for the country's commitment and dedication to advancing SMMEs. The Department of Small Business Development with its partner, 22 on Sloane, Africa's largest start-up campus, won the Global



Entrepreneurship Country of the Year Award. Team South Africa also won the Brand Champions and Research Champions Award, which recognises Global Entrepreneurship Network countries from around the world.

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