

Cabinet Statement



Cabinet held its scheduled virtual Meeting on Wednesday, 10 June 2020

1. CABINET DECISIONS

■ Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Cabinet received an updated report from the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC).
- The NCCC tabled a number of recommendations pertaining to the enhanced risk adjusted Alert Level 3 of the national lockdown.
- The recommendations are based on submissions made by various sectors and deliberations by the National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure.
- However, Cabinet decided to defer approval of the recommendations pending a full health assessment report from the Ministerial Health Advisory Committee on COVID-19. The NCCC is expected to receive the full presentation by early next week.

Cabinet once again appeal to and urge all South Africans to adhere and voluntarily comply with measures put in place to combat the spread of COVID-19. The measures include:

- ✓ regular washing of hands;
- ✓ social distancing; and
- ✓ wearing of masks when in public.



■ National Petroleum Company

- Cabinet was briefed on the ongoing work to rationalize all petroleum (oil and gas) subsidiaries of the state owned diversified energy company, Central Energy Fund.
- The rationalization will result in three subsidiaries (PetroSA, Strategic Fuel Fund and iGas) merged into one single National Petroleum Company.

This gives effect to the announcement made by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address on 13 February 2020, to repurpose and rationalize a number of state-owned enterprises to support growth and development.

On 31 December 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan City, China. 'Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2' (SARS-CoV-2) was confirmed as the causative agent of what we now know as 'Coronavirus Disease 2019' (COVID-19). Since then, the virus has spread to more than 100 countries, including South Africa.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease that is spread, directly or indirectly, from one person to another.

/// Infection:



An infected person can spread the virus to a healthy person through:

- › the eye, nose and mouth or through droplets produced on coughing or sneezing.
- › close contact with an infected person.
- › contact with contaminated surfaces, objects or personal items.

/// Symptoms:



The general symptoms include:

- › Fever
- › Cough
- › Trouble/difficulty with breathing
- › Sore throat.

/// Prevention:



To prevent the spread of the virus:

- › Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you cannot wash your hands with water.
- › Keep a safe social distance by avoiding crowded areas or gatherings of more than 10 people.
- › Avoid close contact with people who are not feeling well.
- › Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose.
- › Keep at least a metre distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- › Use tissue paper when coughing and sneezing, then throw it in a bin.
- › Avoid running your hands on frequently touched surfaces such as hand rails.
- › Regularly disinfect your frequently touched objects such as cellphone, cards, car keys and keyboards.
- › Consult your doctor if not feeling well and stay at home to recover fully.
- › Use the flexed elbow, foot bump or wave to greet instead of a handshake.
- › Wear a face mask, especially the cloth face mask, when in public.

Ignore Fake News and obtain official information from:

**www.gov.za or
www.sacoronavirus.co.za**

**send the message
"Hi" to
0600 123 456 for
WhatsApp support**

**call the 24-hour
toll-free hotline:
0800 029 999**



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

- Cabinet approved the proposed appointment of a professional restructuring company that specializes in mergers to investigate the most viable model of this single National Petroleum Company.
- The policy framework provides guidance on structures, mechanisms and processes that institutions of higher learning must put in place to prevent incidents of GBV in their campuses. In addition to providing oversight structures, it also compels such institutions to create awareness on their GBV policies.

■ Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Policy Framework in Post-School Education and Training System

- Cabinet approved the GBV Policy Framework in Post-School Education and Training System.

The policy framework seeks to respond to the increased number of GBV-related cases at institutions of higher learning.

■ Feasibility Study Report on the Resistance and Liberation Movement Museum (RLMM)

- Cabinet approved the Feasibility Study Report on the establishment of the RLMM. The museum will contribute towards conserving the history of the resistance and liberation struggle in South Africa.
- The study, which Cabinet approved in 2015, was



commissioned within the context of the Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route (RLHR) Project. The RLHR contributes towards the development and transformation of the South African heritage landscape.

Once completed, the museum will conserve a series of heritage elements (tangible and intangible) and provide common narrative, memory and experiences relating to the liberation struggle in South Africa.



■ National Khoi and San Heritage Route

- Cabinet approved the implementation of the National Khoi and San Heritage Route, which is a national legacy project. The route will identify, highlight, conserve and promote the heritage of the:

- ✓ Khoi;
- ✓ Nama;
- ✓ Griekwa;
- ✓ Khorana; and
- ✓ San.

This project contributes towards the acknowledgement of the previously neglected and marginalized South African history.

- It also gives effect to the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act 3 of 2019), which legislate for the recognition of the Khoi and San traditional leaders.

■ Designs of 2021 and 2022 commemorative coins

- Cabinet approved the designs of the 2021 and 2022 commemorative circulation coins which are issued by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) and the South African Mint Company.
- The R5 commemorative circulation coin and the R5 sterling-silver, gold plated collectors' coin will be issued in 2021 to celebrate the Centenary of the SARB. The fourth Decimal Coin Series of South Africa, which will be issued in 2022 will consist of 10 cent, 20 cent, 50 cent, R1, R2 and R5 coin.

2. BILLS

■ Financial Sector Laws Amendment Bill of 2020

- Cabinet approved the submission of the Financial Sector Laws Amendment Bill of 2020 to Parliament. The Bill proposes to designate the SARB as the Resolution Authority, and enhances

the SARB's regulatory tools for discharging its statutory mandate of ensuring stability of the financial system.

- The Bill proposes a new framework to resolve financial institutions, primarily banks, when they enter a period of financial distress.

It also introduces South Africa's first comprehensive deposit insurance scheme that will ensure that depositors are paid their funds when a bank fails.

- Such a scheme will protect the vulnerable depositors and ensure minimal disruptions to the financial system and

broader economy when such institutions enter into financial distress.

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