



ANNEXURE C

SECOND NATIONAL IMBIZO FOCUS WEEK FINAL KEY MESSAGES

BRIEF:

The Second National Imbizo Focus Week of the fifth democratic administration will take place from **07 to 12 April 2015** under the government's five year theme: *"Together we move South Africa forward"*. This is a rallying theme which promotes partnerships and the transformation of South Africa into a better place for all to live in.

This Imbizo week follows the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) on 12 February 2015 and the post-SoNA Cluster Media Briefings which makes it an ideal platform to amplify the pronouncements of the President in his address. During the Imbizo Focus Week political principals can therefore articulate messages around the priorities of government as outlined in the SoNA.

As the current administration will be nearing its first year in office, this Focus Week will also allow visits to, and interaction about programmes, projects and initiatives launched since May 2014.

Furthermore through the Imbizo Focus Week, government will have an opportunity to create a better understanding for the National Development Plan (NDP) which seeks to promote multi-sectoral collaboration.

Currently government is implementing the first five-year building block of the NDP namely the 2014 - 2019 Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF). The strategic framework sets detailed targets and indicators for the next five year tenure and clearly identifies roles, and responsibilities for the implementation of key actions.

Imbizo Week is also taking place during Freedom Month which is commemorated under the theme: ***"Celebrating the Beginning of the Third Decade of our Freedom through Accelerating Radical Economic Transformation"***.

This year's Freedom Day/Month falls on the 60th anniversary of the historic adoption of the Freedom Charter in Kliptown, Soweto. The values as espoused in the Freedom Charter still hold true and they are an overall vision for a non-racial and democratic society and many of its values are embedded in the Constitution.

KEY MESSAGES	SUPPORTING STATEMENTS
<i>The National Imbizo Focus Week is your opportunity to speak to political principals.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Second National Imbizo Focus Week between 2 to 8 March will build on the successful interactions of the Imbizo Focus Week in July 2014. • An Imbizo is a direct, unmediated communication platform for communities to interact with elected public representatives. • The Imbizo Focus Week will provide senior government officials with the opportunity to assess progress made on government's priority programmes. • Izimbizo promote public participation in the government programmes to improve their own lives and uplift their communities. • Through these interactions, communities will get a better understanding for the programmes mentioned in the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) and the National Development Plan (NDP).
<i>We have recorded a number of service delivery successes since the 2014 General Elections.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government launched the Back-to-Basics approach to ensure that basic services such as water supply, refuse collection, pothole eradication and electricity provision happens at every municipality. • It further assists municipalities to develop new infrastructure at a faster pace and to enable them to improve operations, and maintenance of existing infrastructure. • The Inter-Ministerial Service Delivery Task Team has also been established by the Presidency to fast-track service delivery in areas where there are bottlenecks, respond to areas where there are service delivery problems and ensure that service delivery improves. • The Department of Cooperative Governance has developed the Integrated Urban Development Framework which deals with the challenges facing urban environments.
<i>We are already implementing the NDP to improve the lives of our people.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government is currently implementing the first five-year building block of the NDP namely the 2014-2019 Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF). • We are confident that the NDP, our roadmap to eradicate poverty and inequality, will begin to bear fruit soon. • All South Africans should familiarise themselves with the NDP so that they help us implement it. • The NDP builds on the substantial social and economic advances made over the past 20 years. • Some of these advances ensured that millions now have access to water, healthcare, education, housing and many other basic services which they did not have before 1994.
<i>Together we must ensure radical economic transformation.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During his recent SoNA, President Jacob Zuma announced a nine point plan to accelerate economic growth and create jobs. The points are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolving the energy challenges; 2. Revitalising agriculture and the agro-processing value chain; 3. Advancing beneficiation or adding value to our mineral

	<p>wealth;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. More effective implementation of a higher impact Industrial Policy Action Plan; 5. Encouraging private sector investment; 6. Moderating workplace conflict; 7. Unlocking the potential of small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), cooperatives, township and rural enterprises; 8. State reform and boosting the role of state owned companies, information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure or broadband roll-out, water, sanitation and transport infrastructure; and 9. Operation Phakisa on the ocean economy which aimed at unlocking opportunities in the shipping, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, oil and gas, bio-technology and tourism sectors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Employment Tax Incentive, which was introduced last year, have thus far created more than 850 000 work opportunities of which 270 000 were for young people. • Our environmental programmes such as Working on Waste, Working for Wetlands, Working for Water and Working on Fire have created more than 30 000 work opportunities. We aim to double this during the next financial year. • Youth employment remains a government priority and therefore during the last financial year alone the National Youth Development Agency has disbursed R25 million to 765 youth-owned micro enterprises. • Government is currently working with the private sector to develop an Agricultural Policy Action Plan which will bring one million ha of under-utilised land into full production over the next three years. • This year we will establish agri-parks or cooperatives and clusters in the 27 poorest district municipalities to transform rural economies. • To redress the ills of the past, government has reopened the lodgement of land claims until June 2019.
<i>We have a plan to address our energy constraints.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government is working to ensure an end to the current uncertainty around energy supply. • Our energy challenges will be tackled through a plan which involves short, medium and long-term responses. • The short and medium-term plan involves improved maintenance of Eskom power stations, enhancing the electricity generation capacity and managing the electricity demand. • The long-term plan involves finalising the energy security master plan. • If we work together we are able to reduce our demand and thereby reduce the severity of load shedding. • We need to fight copper cable and metal theft together and therefore urge communities to report these criminal activities to the Police.
<i>We are committed to meet</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of R2.1 billion has been ring-fenced to upgrade

<p><i>the social needs of our people.</i></p>	<p>informal settlements in Mpumalanga, North West, Gauteng, Northern Cape, Limpopo and the Free State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of communities will in the near future benefit from various water infrastructure projects. These include Umzimvubu Water Project in the Eastern Cape, Jozini Dam in Umkhanyakude in KwaZulu-Natal and projects in Bushbuckridge in Mpumalanga and phase one of the Mokolo Crocodile Water Augmentation in Limpopo. • Progress has been made to address the water shortage of Makana District Municipality in the Eastern Cape, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in North West and Giyani in Limpopo. • Government will continue to improve the infrastructure in schools and higher education institutions to create a conducive environment for learning and teaching. • To address the scourge of TB, our recently launched TB programme will focus on offenders at Correctional Services facilities, mineworkers and communities in mining towns. • Government will work harder to fight crime, create safer communities and protect women and children against violence.
<p><i>The values and ideals of Freedom are integrated into the Constitution</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The spirit of the Freedom Charter lives in the ideals and principles of the Constitution. • These values and principles promote the advancement of economic justice and social equality • The principles, values and ideals of the Constitution must influence our behaviour, conduct and attitude. • The Bill of Rights reaffirms that everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected. • We must continue to strengthen the freedoms and protections we enjoy under our Constitution.
<p><i>We all have a role to play in moving South Africa forward.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We must jointly build on the foundations of the past 20 years. • Much work still remains but through partnership, government and all South Africans can jointly chart the way forward to a better future. • Impediments to our shared future can be overcome if all South Africans work together. • We call on the private sector and big business to invest in the local economy and support government initiatives to grow the economy. • Government will introduce further measures to speed up the employment of young people, consistent with the Youth Employment Accord and expand the number of internship positions in the public sector.