



DID YOU
KNOW?

Cabinet meeting of 1 August 2017

Cabinet met on Tuesday, 1 August 2017, at Sefako M Makgatho Presidential Guesthouse, Pretoria

1. CABINET DECISIONS

1.1. Women's Month

- **Event:** National Women's Day on Wednesday, 9 August.
- **Where:** Galeshewe Stadium, Kimberley, Northern Cape.
- **Theme:** "Year of OR Tambo: Women united in moving South Africa forward."

Life and legacy of
OR TAMBO.
100 YEARS



- South Africa commemorates Women's Month in August, as a tribute to more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of pass laws to women.
- All South Africans must use the month of August to celebrate the role of women in our society.

1.2. Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM)

- As part of reviving the spirit of Ubuntu/Botho, Cabinet was briefed on the three-year programme to be rolled out by the MRM.



moral regeneration movement

- The MRM is mandated to facilitate, encourage and coordinate the programme that seeks to restore the moral fibre of our society.
- Cabinet approved the three-year operational programme of the MRM and a phased approach of mainstreaming the moral regeneration programme within government.

1.3. Bid to host the 2023 Rugby World Cup (RWC)

- Cabinet approved that South Africa submits its bid to host the RWC 2023.
- This will once again afford South Africa an opportunity to showcase the country to the international community.



- Previous world-class events hosted by South Africa:
 - ✓ All Africa Games;
 - ✓ Cricket World Cup;
 - ✓ 2010 FIFA World Cup; and
 - ✓ Many international conferences.
- South Africa has learnt from these past experiences, particularly the cost overruns and collusion which accompanied 2010. As a result of this, government refused to sign an open-ended blank cheque, which led to the country withdrawing its bid to host the Commonwealth Games.
- Cabinet was apprised on the spin-offs from the event.
- The tournament will contribute to stimulating our economy by supporting government priorities, especially as it relates to preferential procurement and adherence to the Sport Transformation Charter and the sharing of the profits derived.
- South Africa already has the requisite infrastructure to host the tournament without allocating a budget for infrastructure development.
- The event will further boost our tourism and hospitality sector.
- Cabinet approved the overall proposed package for this tournament, which is an economic bid which would minimise the demands on the fiscus as well as stimulate economic activity, employment and empowerment.

- Sports is said to be one of the most effective drivers of nation-building and the rugby sports programmes would enhance social cohesion.
- Countrywide programmes leading to 2023 will leave a lasting legacy for the development of rugby in underprivileged communities.
- Cabinet also approved the establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on the WRC 2023.
- The IMC will direct the bidding process for the RWC 2023 and ensure the country benefits economically from this event.
- The Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Thulas Nxesi, will hold a separate media briefing to unpack the bidding process.

1.4. Draft Intellectual Property (IP) Policy of South Africa

- Cabinet approved the IP Policy of South Africa – Phase I (2017) for publication in the *Government Gazette* for public comments.
- This responds to the National Development Plan's call for greater emphasis on innovation, improved productivity, more intense pursuit of a knowledge economy, and better exploitation of comparative and competitive advantages.
- The IP Policy is an important policy instrument in promoting innovation,

technology transfer, research and development, creative expression, consumer protection, industrial development and more broadly, economic growth.

1.5. Draft Green Transport Strategy

- Cabinet approved the Draft Green Transport Strategy to be published for public comments.
- It aims to minimise the adverse impact of transport on the environment while addressing current and future transport demands based on sustainable development principles.
- This strategy will form the cornerstone of policy development within the transport sector regarding the lowering of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Transport systems form the backbone of South Africa's socio-economic activities by enabling the movement of people and goods.
- However, emissions from the transport sector account for 10.8% of the country's total GHG emissions, with road transport being responsible for 91.2% of these GHG emissions.
- South Africa has pledged a GHG emissions reduction target of 34% by 2020 and 42% by 2025.

1.6. Zimbabwean Special Permit (ZSP)

- Cabinet approved that the Department of Home Affairs can reopen the reapplication process for the current ZSP holders, under certain conditions.
- The initial Special Dispensation for Zimbabweans was approved in April 2009 to document Zimbabwean nationals who were in South Africa illegally.
- Their permits expire on 31 December 2017.
- The Minister of Home Affairs, Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize, will hold a separate briefing to explain the conditions and the process to be followed once the reapplication process opens.

1.7. South African Mint Company's designs for the 2017 commemorative colour coins series

- Cabinet approved the South African Mint Company's designs for the 2017 commemorative colour coins series: *Flowers and Birds of the Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve*.
- This is an addition to the commemorative and circulation coin ranges to be issued in 2017.



2. BILLS

2.1. Deeds Registries Amendment Bill of 2017

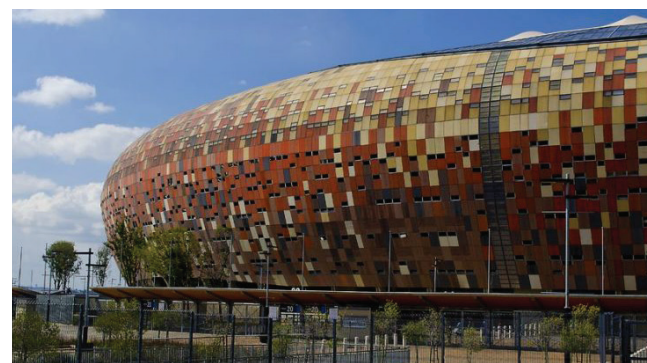
- Cabinet approved publication of the Bill for public comments.
- The Bill, which amends the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act 47 of 1937), aims to:
 - ✓ improve and enhance application and implementation of the Act; and
 - ✓ streamline and enhance the administration and registration of deeds.



3. MESSAGES

3.1. CONDOLENCES

- Cabinet expressed its condolences to the families of the two soccer fans who lost their lives during the stampede at the FNB Stadium on Saturday, 29 July 2017.
- President Jacob Zuma has constituted a Ministerial Committee of Enquiry, headed by Minister Nxesi, to investigate the circumstances that led to this tragedy.



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