



ing Committee meets once a month with the host cities to talk about how their plans are going.

### ■ Soccer legends

Jordaan said soccer legends like Abedi Pele of Ghana, Kalusha Byala of Zambia, George Weah of Liberia and Hossam Hassan of Egypt were appointed to work with the Local Organising Committee. They will tell people in other African countries about the World Cup and how they can get involved.

South African soccer greats like Jomo Sono, Lucas Radebe and Mark Fish are also working with the Local Organising Committee.

### ■ Benefits

Jordaan said a lot of people will benefit from this tournament. After the World Cup, South Africa will have changed for the better. We will have at least five world-class stadiums and some good roads that we did not have before. In the past, good facilities were only built for rugby and cricket, he said.

Jordaan said the training venues that will be upgraded in townships and other areas around the cities, would also help to make young people more interested in soccer.

### ■ Bafana Bafana

When the World Cup in Germany is over, the world will focus on South Africa.

And as we are moving faster towards the big day, what could be the biggest challenge? "Bafana Bafana," he said. "We want a team that will be able to compete and go a long way into the tournament."

- *Ndivhuwo Khangale*

## All of Africa to benefit

**S**outh Africa will host the 2010 World Cup, but other African countries will also enjoy the fruits of this important event. *Vuk'uzenzele* spoke to Thabo Masebe of the 2010 Communication Partnership.

He said FIFA decided in 2001 that the 2010 tournament belonged to Africa. This was proof that FIFA believed Africa could host a successful World Cup.

### ■ Build unity

Masebe said South Africans should not see the 2010 FIFA World Cup as just a South African event. It is also an African event that will help to make the 21st century a time for growth and development in Africa. South Africans must realise that they are part and parcel of Africa. "We must not think that because of South Africa's history of apartheid we are not part of the African continent."

The 2010 World Cup will give us an opportunity to build unity, pride and solidarity among our the people. It will also build the country's image and that of the African continent as a whole. This will help to speed up development and grow the economy.



## FIFA President gave his support

**I**t was a joyful day when FIFA President, Mr Sepp Blatter, announced that South Africa would be the host country for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Blatter openly supported South Africa to host the 2010 World Cup.

Blatter was born in Switzerland and has been involved with football since 1970. He was a member of the Panathlon Club (society of sports managers), a member of the Swiss Association of Sportswriters and a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). During the course of his soccer career, Blatter has received many awards and honours from different countries. Among them is the Order of the Companions of O.R.Tambo awarded by South Africa.