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## Local government holds transformative power

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC** transformation is at the top of government's agenda yet the power to bring about change does not rest solely in its hands. The drivers of change should be located at national, provincial and local government level, making a visible difference in the lives of the citizens government serves.

Albert Pule

**M**unicipalities should become centres of radical socio-economic transformation to have a positive effect on the lives of citizens.

"We need to see radical socio-economic transformation in local government," said President Jacob Zuma, addressing the Third Presidential Local Government Summit held in Midrand on 6 April 2017.

"We mean the fundamental change in the structure, systems, institutions and patterns of ownership, management and control of the economy in favour of all South Africans, especially the poor, the majority of whom are African and female," explained the President.

President Zuma said municipalities must play a role in developing small businesses and entrepreneurs.

"They must revitalise and mainstream township economies by supporting the development of township enterprises, cooperatives



President Jacob Zuma addressing the 3rd Presidential Local Government Summit in Midrand

and SMMEs that will produce goods and services that meet the needs of township residents.

"Township entrepreneurs must be used to produce food, such as bread for school nutrition and hospitals, school uniforms and police uniforms, and furniture for government offices."

The President also urged municipalities to work hard to raise the living standards and quality of life of all the

people in their areas and highlighted the importance of the delivery of crucial services, such as roads, human settlements and sanitation.

"They must include effective public transport infrastructure development, as well as new integrated and sustainable human settlements and post-apartheid cities that are more connected, liveable, smart and green.

"The renewal of old towns, inner-city regeneration as

well as township renewal must be key focus areas of our municipalities."

President Zuma also highlighted that it is important that the three spheres of government work together to deliver services.

"All spheres must work together to ensure that all township roads and streets are tarred, that the bucket system is eradicated and that all hostels are turned into family units.

"If we do this, we will bring millions of township residents into the mainstream economy, hence the need to revamp economic infrastructure and improve these areas."

Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Des van Rooyen said local government plays an important role in delivering services to the people.

"Critical to local government's mandate is the requirement that they work to improve the lives of all the citizens in their municipality.

"The improvement of the peoples' lives can be achieved through the provision of basic services, development and growth of the economy, recognising and harnessing the skills potential of people living in the municipality, job creation, and mobilising the people to make their own contribution to improve their living conditions," said Min



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*In all our localities, wherever they may be, we must rise now and destroy apartheid organs of government that are used to hold us in bondage. We make this call to all Black people – African, Indian and so-called Coloureds.*

- Oliver Tambo.



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# NSP e tla samagana le HIV, TB le di-STI

**LEANO LA TOGAMAANO** la Naga (NSP) le lentšhwa le goeletsa ntwaga khatlanong le Lebolelamading (HIV), Lehuba (TB) le Malwetse a a Fetelanang ka Thobalano (di-STD). E tthagisa matsapa a puso a go fokotsa ka lobelo malwetse ano, a phetelano ya HIV go tswa go mme go fetala kwa leseeng le ditshwaetso tse dintšhwa mo basetsanyaneng le mo makgarebeng.

## Noluthando Motswai

**N**SP e ntšhwa e e mabapi le HIV, TB le di-STI go solofelwa e tla fokotsa ditshwaetso tsa TB ka 30% le go fokotsa ditshwaetso tsa HIV ka 60%.

Motlatsamoporesitente Cyril Ramaphosa o tthagisitse seno kwa thankgololong ya NSP 2017-2022 kwa Bloemfontein mo malobeng.

Leano leno go le gantsi le tsaya dingwaga di le tlhano go rerwa.

Leano la bofelo le konoseditswe kwa bokhutlong jwa Mopitlwe 2017.

Motlatsamoporesitente Ramaphosa o tthalositse gore NSP e bapitswe thata le Leano la Tlhabololo la Bosetšhaba (NDP) ka go tobana le kgwetlho khatlanong le HIV, TB le di-STI mo kgaratlhong e kgolo e e mabapi le tlhabololo ya ikonomi le ya loago.

"Ka go dirisana mmogo, re batla go fokotsa ditshwaetso tsa TB ka sekgala sa bonnye jo bo kana ka 30% go tloga go 450 000 go fitlha go

315 000. Re tshwanetse go fokotsa ditshwaetso tse dintšhwa tsa HIV ka bonako ka 60% go tloga go 270 000 ka 2016 go ya ka fa tlase ga 100 000 ka 2022."

O tlaleleditse ka gore puso e batla go fedisa tshwaetso ya HIV go tswa kwa mmeng wa lesea go ya kwa leseeng mmogo le go fedisa ditshwaetso tse dintšhwa mo basetsaneng le mo makgarebeng go tloga mo go ba le 2 000 ka beke go ya kwa tlase ga ba le 800.

Mo ngwageng yo o fetileng Motlatsamoporesitente o thankgolotse letsholo la go thibela HIV mo makgarebeng le mo basetsaneng.

Palo e ka nna 2 000 ya batho ba ba sa tswang go fetelwa ke HIV e mo makgarebeng le mo basetsaneng ba ba leng mo magareng ga dingwaga di le 15 le di le 24 mo Aforika Borwa beke e nngwe le e nngwe.

Letsholo leno la *She Conquers* le tsenngwatirisona jaaka karolo ya matsapa a go fokotsa phetsetso ya HIV le seabe sa yona.

"Letsholo leno la *She Conquers* lebane le go fokotsa phetsetso ya HIV,

go fokotsa go nna mo mmeleng ga basetsana, go netefatsa gore ba tseba sekolo, go fokotsa pogiso e e totileng batho ba bong jo bo rileng (GBV) le go tlhola ditšhono tsa ikonomi mo bašweng."

## NSP e na le maikaelelo a a tlhamaletseng

Motlatsamoporesitente Ramaphosa o tthalositse gore NSP e tla tsepamisa mogopolo mo maikaelelong a le robedi a go lwantsha HIV, TB le di-STI.

- Maikaelelo a ntlha ke go potlakisa thibelo go ka fokotsa ditshwaetso tsa HIV, TB le di-STI.
- Maikaelelo a bobedi ke go fokotsa ditshwaetso tsa malwetse le dintsho ka go tlamela ka kalafo, tlhokomelo le kobamelo mo tshegetsong ya botlha mabapi le HIV, TB le di-STI.
- Maikaelelo a boraro ke go fitlhelela baagi botlha ba ba botlhokwa ba ba leng mo tlalelong ka ditsereganyo tse di maleba le tse di totilweng.
- Maikaelelo a bone ke go sama-

## RE TSHWARAGANE MO GO FEDISENG TB LE HIV

BAETELEDIPELE BA AFORIKA BORWA BA TSAYA DIKGATO

gana le baeteledipele ba loago le ba tsamaiso ya ditshwaetso tsa HIV, TB le di-STI.

- Maikaelelo a botlhano ke go laola tsibogelo ya HIV, TB le di-STI mo ditheong le mo dikgatong tsa ditshwanelo tsa batho.
- Maikaelelo a borataro ke go tlhotlheletsa boeteledipele le go arogana maikarabelo mo tsibogelong ya leruri ya HIV, TB le di-STI.
- Maikaelelo a bosupa ke go golaganya metswedi ya go tshegetsatsa phitlhelelo ya maikaelelo a NSP le go netefatsa fa go nna le tsibogelo ya leruri.
- Maikaelelo a borobedi ke go matlafatsa tshedimisetso ya togamaano go diragatsa kgatelepele go fitlhelela maikaelelo a NSP.

## Phetolo ya maitshwara e a tlhokagala

"Re fano go netefatsa gore toro ya go nna le dikokoma tsa kamoso tse di senang AIDS e a fitlhelelwa. Re fano go bontsha maano a rona a go aga

naga e e senang dithibela le dikalafi tse di masisi tsa malwetse a a jaaka TB."

"Re a itse gore go tshwaetswa ke HIV le TB ga se bokhutlo jwa lefatshe. Re a itse gore, gore re kgone go fenyatsa ditshwaetso tsa HIV le TB re tshwanetse go fetola maitsholo go kgaotsa go nama ga ditshwaetso."

Go thankgololwa ga NSP 2017-2022 ke selo se se botlhokwa thata mo tsibogelong ya Aforika Borwa mabapi le malwetse a HIV, TB le di-STI.

Moano o montšhwa wa NSP ke: "Dikgato tsa Rona tla di Nne le Mosola" e leng boikuelo jwa go tsaya dikgato ga maAforika Borwa mo go nneng le seabe mo go fitlhelelang maikaelelo a leano leno.

Monongwaga, puso e tobane le baeteledipele mo setšhabeng ba ba jaaka ditokololo tsa palamente, ditokololo tsa dipeomolao tsa diporofense, dikhanselara, dikgosi, baeteledipele ba dikgwebo, baeteledipele ba sedumedi le baeteledipele mo setšhabeng go ikana go lwantshana le leroborobo leno le go buisana le baagi ba bona. **V**

# Vaccinations save lives

## DON'T WAIT ... VACCINATE

### BABY & CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

<b>BIRTH</b>	Oral Polio and BCG
<b>6 TO 8 WEEKS</b>	Oral Polio and BCG
<b>10 TO 12 WEEKS</b>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis Haemophilus influenzae type B and Inactivated Polio Hepatitis B Rotavirus Pneumococcal Conjugated
<b>14 TO 16 WEEKS</b>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis Haemophilus influenzae type B and Inactivated Polio Hepatitis B Rotavirus Pneumococcal Conjugated
<b>9 MONTHS</b>	Measles
<b>12 MONTHS</b>	Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal Conjugated
<b>15 TO 18 MONTHS</b>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella
<b>18 MONTHS</b>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis Haemophilus influenzae type B and Inactivated Polio Hepatitis A (booster)
<b>6 YEARS</b>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis and Inactivated Polio
<b>12 YEARS</b>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (if missed at 6 years) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis and Inactivated Polio (if missed at 6 years)

**V**accinating children is the best way to prevent serious illnesses, such as polio, diphtheria, mumps, measles and tetanus," says Dr Vuyo Gqola, Government Employees Medical Scheme Executive: Healthcare Management.

"When people get vaccinated against a particular disease, they are not only protecting themselves, but are also helping to protect their communities. This is because the more people who are immune to a disease, the slower it spreads."

## Vaccinations make sense

Dr Gqola says the medical progress that has been made in the prevention of diseases through vaccinations is truly remarkable. Measles and polio are now relatively uncom-

mon thanks to vaccination programmes.

Smallpox is a highly infectious viral disease. It was deadly for a large proportion of the people who contracted it. It killed as many as 500 million people in Europe alone last century.

"Through global vaccination efforts, naturally-occurring smallpox was eliminated in 1977 with the last case having been diagnosed in Somalia," says Dr Gqola.

In 2014, the South African Department of Health rolled out a school-based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign for the prevention of cervical cancer, aimed at all girls aged nine years and older in grade four.

"There is an established link between certain strains of HPV and cervical cancer,

which is a leading cause of death for women in South Africa. The girls who have received the HPV vaccine will have a considerably reduced risk of developing cervical cancer and several other types of cancer."

"We are likely to start seeing the positive impact of this campaign in the next 15 to 20 years, when the first generation of girls to have received the HPV vaccination will reach the age where these types of cancer are more likely to develop.

"The risks associated with vaccinations are extremely rare, and are hugely outweighed by the risks of developing the disease itself if one is not vaccinated," Dr Gqola says. **V**

**Source: Government Employees Medical Scheme**

# Porojeke e e Namagadi ya dintlo e thankgolotswe

**POROJEKE E E NAMAGADI** ya dintlo tsa setšhaba, e e diragadiwang kwa Westgate, KwaZulu-Natal, e na le diyuniti di le 952 tse di nang le madulo a a di hirisiwang.



■ Moporesitente Jacob Zuma le Tona ya Lefapha la Bodulo jwa Batho Lindiwe Sisulu ba thankgolotse porojeke e e namagadi ya dintlo tsa setšhaba kwa Pietermaritzburg.

## Thandeka Ngobese

**F**a Moporesitente Jacob Zuma a ne a neela Caroline Carstens, wa dingwaga di le 20, ntlo e ntšhwa moagi yono wa Westgate o ne a retelelwa ke go itshwara mme a bua ka fao puso e diragaditseng toro ya gagwe ya go godisetsa bana ba gagwe mo ntlong e e nang le seriti.

“E ntse e le toro ya me go nna le ntlo e e nang le seriti ka le lengwe la matsatsi fela ke ne ke sa akanye gore toro eno nka e fitlhelela,” o buile jalo.

Carstens ke yo mongwe wa bajalefa ba le 3 000 bao ba neilweng dintlo tse dintšhwa fa Moporesitente Zuma a ne a bula porojeke e e namagadi ya dintlo tsa setšhaba kwa Westgate, Pietermaritzburg, kwa KwaZulu-Natal ka la bo 1 Moranang 2017. Go solofetswe porojeke eno e tla dirisa madi a a ka fitlhang go R4 milione, a a akaretsang tlamelo ya matlole go tswa kwa maphateng a poraefete.

Yo mongwe wa bajalefa ke Nomkhosi Msimang, wa dingwaga di le 30, yo a dirang jaaka moithuti wa mooki kwa Sepetlele sa Grace. O rila fa a ne a amogela molaetsakhutswe (sms) o o neng o mo itsise gore kopo ya gagwe e atlegile o ne a sa tshepe matlho a gagwe.

“Modimo wa Baiseraele! Gompino, ke tshotse senotlolo sa ntlo e e reng nna wee. Puso eno e tota e tokafatsa matshelo a maAforika Borwa. Ke kile ka utlwela ka

porojeke eno kwa kopanong ya motse mme ka ipolelela gore 'nte ke leke lesego la me ke tsenye kopo'. Ke ne ke akanya gore ga go ka fao o ka iponelang ntlo mo pusong ntle fela le fa go na le mongwe yo o mo itseng a dira koo, fela gompieno ke na le yona.

Ga ka duela le sente o montsho go iponela bodulo jono jo bontle.

Ba itlhokela fela lekwalotshupo la mogolo wa gago le lekwalo la bopaki jwa koo o dulang gone go dira kopo. Ke leboga puso gobo e fetotse botshelo jwa me,” o buile jalo.

## Bodulo jwa kwa Westgate bo thankgolotswe

Fa a ne a bua kwa thankgololong ya dintlo tsa setšhaba tsa Westgate Moporesitente Zuma o rila fa porojeke eno e sena go konosediswa diyuniti tsa bodulo tse di ka fitlhang go 1 000 di tla rwa bajalefa ba ka nna 4 000.

“Mo Puong ya Maemo a Setšhaba (SoNA) ya 2010 le ya 2012, ke ne ka bua ka badiri ba ba golang mogolo o o mo magareng gore ba kgaratlhela go ka ithekela le ba malapa a bone dintlo tse di seriti e bile di rekega ka ntlha ya gore ga ba na matshwanedi a go ka iponela dintlo tsa puso tse di sa duelelweng le a go ka ithekela dintlo tsa dibonto.

“Go agiwa ga Porojeke ya Dintlo tsa Setšhaba tsa Westgate ke tsibogelo e e maleba ya dikgwetlho tseno. Go naya bašwa ba naga ya rona ba ba dirang tšhono ya go ka nna mo madulong a

seriti a a fitlhelesegang bonolo, fa mo letlhakoreng le lengwe a rotlotsa madulo a go nnang batho ba ba farologaneng le go fedisa leano la thulaganyomadulo la puso ya tlhaolele.

“Porojeke eno ke ya madulo a a rentiwa otlhe mme e tobane le batho bao lelapa le iponelang mogolo o o mo gare ga R1 500 le R7 500. E akaretsa diyuniti tse di nang le diphaposiborobalo di le pedi, ka phaposi e e bulegileng e e nang le phaposiboapeelo le phaposi ya borobasogo mo yuniting e nngwe le e nngwe.

“Re puso e e ka se emiseng go fitlha e bona moagi mongwe le mongwe wa moAforika Borwa a nna mo ntlong e e nang le seriti. Maitlomo a rona ke go busetsa seriti sa batho ba borona ka madulo a batho”, ga rialo Moporesitente Zuma.

## Makešene a mantšhwa go ralala le Aforika Borwa

Moporesitente Zuma o tlhalositse gore puso e tla tswelala go baya kwa setlhoeng kabelo ya dintlo mo bathong bao ba humanegileng. Bona ba akaretsa malapa a a tlhokometsweng ke bana, baagi ba ba golofetseng le batsofe.

“Kene gape ka utlwiwa botlho ko ke mogolofadi yo mongwe yo o sebete Rre Maphumulo wa kwa Vulindlela, fa a ne a isiwa kwa ntlong ya gagwe e ntšhwa.

Go nna le ntlo e e seriti go tliša maungo a le mmalwa a loago le a ikononi. Ona a akaretsa botshelo jo bo tokafetseng, sebaka sa gago se o sa se boneng fa o nna kwa mogoafatsheng wa phaposing e le nngwe, tikologo e e bolokese-gileng le ditshwanelo tsa go nna moagi.

“Puso ya porofense ya KwaZulu-Natal e agile diyuniti di ka nna 500 000 fa e sale ka 1994. Seno se ra gore bajalefa ba tsona ba ka nna dimilione di le pedi matshelo a bona a tokafetse thata ka ntlha ya puso eno. Go agiwa ga dintlo fa e sale ka 1994 go dirile gore makešene a le mmalwa a mantšhwa a agiwe go ralala le naga.

Ona a akaretsa mafelo a a jaaka Cosmo City kwa Gauteng, Klarnet kwa Mpumalanga, Cornubia kwa KwaZulu-Natal, Zanemvula kwa Kapa Botlhaba le kwa N2 Gateway kwa Kapa Bophirima.

Mo godimo ga seno ditšhaba di le mmalwa tsa kwa metseselegaeng tseo mo malobeng di neng di sa tlhokomelwe le tsona di unngwetswe thata. E nngwe ya diporojeke tseno tse di botlho-

kwa tse di fetotseng matshelo a baagi ba kwa metseselegaeng mo loagong le mo ikonoming ke ya motse wa Vulindlela kwa Pietermaritzburg, e go solofelwang e tla abelana ka diyuniti tsa dintlo di feta di le 20 000 fa di sena go konosediswa go agiwa, moo baagi ba feta ba le 100 000 ba tla neelwang madulo a a seriti teng.

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Le fa go le jalo, go santse go le gontsi go go tshwanetsweng go diriwa,” ga rialo Moporesitente Zuma.

Moporesitente Zuma o rotloetsa bajalefa go tlhokomela dintlo tsa bona.

“Dintlo tseno ke tsa lona. Ke a lelola tswetswee se di rekiseng.

Re itemogetse ditiragalo tse di tshwenyang moo bajalefa ba dintlo tse di abiwang ke puso ba rekisang dintlo tseo puso e ba neetseng tsona mme ba boela mo seemong seo ba tlhokang dintlo. Itse gore o neelwa tšhono e le nngwe fela ya go ka neelwa ntlo ya puso. Fa o ka e rekisa, ga o kitla o bona tšhono e nngwe gape ya go ka tsenya kopo,” o tlhalositse jalo. ■



■ Porojeke ya dintlo ya Westgate go solofetswe fa e tla aga diyuniti tsa dintlo di le 1 000 tseo di tla kometsang baagi ba le 4 000 gang fa di sena go konosediswa go agiwa.

# Dikantoro tse di ntšhwafaditsweng tsa Lefapha la Merero ya Selegae di reelwa ka Tutu



■ Moporesitente Zuma a na le Tona ya mo malobeng ya Lefapha la Merero ya Selegae Malusi Gigaba ba amogela bafaladi fa ba ntse ba keleka moago o o ntšhwafaditsweng.

Allison Cooper

**M**oporesitente Jacob Zuma mo malobeng o thankgolotse dikantoro tsa Lefapha la Merero ya Selegae tsa Marabastad mme a di reela ka Tikwatikwe ya Boamogedi jwa Bafaladi ya Desmond Tutu.

Mo puisanong ya seya-lemowa le Moporesitente Jacob Zuma mo malobeng, ka kgolaganyo ya GCIS, o tla-

lositse gore o ne a etetse lefelo la Marabastad, kwa bogareng jwa kgaolo ya bogwebi ya Pretoria, go thankgololasešwa le go reelasešwa dikantoro tsa lona tsa merero ya selegae.

“Re itumetse gobo tikwatikwe eno e reetswe ka moAforika Borwa yo a itlhophileng yo a lwetseng bosiamisi, tekatekano, ditshwane-  
lo tsa batho le kgololesego.”

“Puso e leboga thata tettlele-  
lo le tshegetso ya Sekgwama

sa Lefa la Desmond le Leah Tutu ya gore ba ka reela Tikwatikwe ya Marabastad ka Desmond Tutu go ka bidiwa Tikwatikwe ya Boamogedi jwa Bafaladi ya Desmond Tutu,” go tlhalositse jalo Moporesitente.

Kangwaga wa 2015 Moporesitente o ne a etela Marabastad jaaka karolo ya Lenaane la Tekolo ya Moporesitente la *Siyahlola*.

“Fa ke ne ke ya kwa Lefapheng la Merero ya Selegae

ke ne ka fitlhela e se ka motho kwa ntle mme ka ya mo go bona go utlwa gore matsapa di a tsaya kae. Ba ne ba tlhagisa dingongorego di le dintsi mme le nna ke ne ka iponela ka ame gore seemo seo se ne se sa itumedise. Ke ne ka tseka ka fa gare mme ka tlhagisa dingongorego tseo gore ba samagane le tsona,” Moporesitente o ne a netefaletsa seo.

Dikgwetlho tseo di neng di tobane le kantoro ya kwa Marabastad di ne di akaretsa badiredi ba ba tlhangelang, didirisiwa tse di bonya tsa Thekenoloji ya Tshedimotsetso (IT), thulaganyo e e sa lolamang ya go faela, bolaodi jo bo bodipa le lefelo la tirelo le le neng le sa siamela badiredi le basenkati-tirelo. Tikwatikwe eno gape e ne e itsege ka pipamolomo, go fola mela e meleele, go tlala le ditiragalo tsa bosenyi.

Mafelo ao go dulang batho ba ba tlileng go batla thuso a rulagantswe bošwa le go baakanywa, go akaretsa le matshwao, dikhaonthara le mabone, mme thulaganyo e ntšhwa ya pabalesego le lego-  
ra la motlakase di tsentswe.

Tse dingwe tsa ditsereganyo

tse di botlhokwa di akaretsa go tsenngwatirisonong ga dithulaganyo tse dintšhwa, tse di jaaka thulaganyo ya go buka ka khomphiutha le ka didirisiwa tse dingwe tsa eleketeroniki, thulaganyo e e tokafaditsweng ya go kwadisa le go faela le go tswelela go buisana le bannaleseabe.

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lo tsa batho le kgololesego ntle le go ineela.”**

Maikemisetso a puso ke go fedisa bosenyi le bonwee-  
nwee mo tsamaisong le go thibela thulaganyo ya bosenyi ya go batla pipamolomo mo bafalading ba ba tlhokang diphomete, e leng seo se tlholang kotsi e kgolo mo nageng. ■

## Government takes higher education seriously

Allison Cooper

**D**uring a radio interview with President Jacob Zuma, via a GCIS link-up, he engaged listeners of different community radio stations across South Africa simultaneously.

An issue raised was that of financial assistance for higher education students.

The President said that he initially called a meeting with student and university leaders and the Department of Higher Education to discuss the issues around high tuition fees and the fact that those from disadvantaged backgrounds cannot afford to pay them.

“It was clear to me at the time that the issues at hand couldn’t be resolved in the meeting due to their complex-

**“No student whose combined family income is below R600 000 per annum will face fee increases at universities and TVET colleges for 2017.”**

ity. Work needed to be done and I therefore appointed the Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and

Training to look into the matter,” he said.

The commission will complete its work by June this year. The Inter-Ministerial Committee on Higher Education, led by Minister Radebe, is engaging all stakeholders to discuss the issues. Civil society initiatives involving business, churches and other organisations have created space for a diversity of options to be considered.

The President has invited stakeholders to participate in processes that are underway so that all views are heard.

Government recognises the needs articulated by the students, said Finance former Minister Pravin Gordahn in

his recent Budget Speech.

“As the economy grows, we will be able to do more to finance an expansion in tertiary education opportunities and improvements in student funding,” he confirmed.

Government increased its higher education budget allocations by R32 billion in last year’s budget and the 2016 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement, and has now added another R5 billion.

“No student whose combined family income is below R600 000 per annum will face fee increases at universities and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges for 2017.

“All poor students who

applied and qualified for National Student Financial Aid Scheme awards, and who have been accepted by a university or a TVET college, will be supported,” Minister Gordahn said.

Given the magnitude of student funding requirements, it is imperative that government develops a clear roadmap towards a better higher education and training system.

The President assured the radio audience that the commission’s report will indicate how society will achieve access, opportunity, financing and support for students in the university and further education sectors. ■