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Employment is top priority

DESPITE SLOW economic growth government has plans to improve the lives of South Africans.

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ing private sector investment.

President Zuma said government had also identified tourism as a key job driver.

"We are thus pleased that our tourist arrival numbers for the period January to November 2016 increased to nine million, an increase of just over one million arrivals from 2015. This represents a 13 percent growth in tourist arrivals," he said.

In addition, government runs effective poverty alleviation programmes such as the EPWP.

"The EPWP has, since 2014, created more than two million work opportunities towards the attainment of the target of six million work opportunities

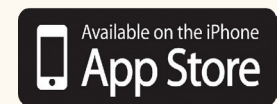
by the end of March 2019. Of the work opportunities created, more than one million have been taken up by the youth."

President Zuma noted that during 2015/2016, more than 61 000 work opportunities were created through Environmental Programmes such as Working for Water, Working for Wetlands, Working on Fire and Working for Ecosystems. More than 60 percent of the beneficiaries were young people.

This has led to job creation in the Northern Cape and diversification of the economy through the creation of artisan and maintenance jobs, and the promotion of science as a ca-



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On road infrastructure, the South African National Roads Agency (Sanral) has started the planning phase of the R4.5 billion Moloto road upgrade.

In 2014, government launched the Operation Phakisa Big Fast results meth

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Meputso ya fasefase ye mpsha ya bašomi

BAŠOMI BA GO FETA dimilione tše 6 ba emetše go holega go meputso ya fasefase ya setšhaba ye mpsha.

Amukelani Chauke

Motlatšamopresidente Cyril Ramaphosa o tsebišitše gore meputso ya fasefase ya setšhaba e beetšwe go ba R20 ka iri goba R3 500 ka kgwedi go bao ba šomago diiri tše 40 ka beke.

Bao ba šomago diiri tše 45 ka beke ba tla hwetša meputso ya fasefase ye e beetšwego go ba R3 900.

Motlatšamopresidente o boletše gore meputso ya fasefase ye mpsha ye e tla thoma go šoma ka la 1 Mopitlo 2018.

"Meputso ya fasefase ya setšhaba, yeo e lego magomo a fase ao go se nago mošomi yo a ka se e lefšego, e tla kaonafatša kudu maphele a bašomi ba dimilione bao ba lefšago tšelete ya fase le go thoma go šogana le tlhohlo ya go se lekalekane ga ditefo ka nageng."

"Go thomeng ga yona ngwaga wo o tlogo, Afrika Borwa e tla ba



■ Dimilione tša bašomi bao ba lefšago tefo ya fase ba tla holega go tšwa go meputso ya fasefase ye mpsha.

gare ga dinaga tše mmalwa lefaseng tšeo di tšentšego tirišong meputso ya fasefase ya setšhaba bjalo ka sedirišwa sa kaonafatšo ya ekonomi le leago," a realo.

Motlatšamopresidente o boletše gore badirišani ba leago bao ba emetšego mekgatlo ya bašomi le mekgatlo ya motse go la Lekgotla la Bosetšhaba la

"Ditumelelano tše di buša seriti sa bahloki ka moka ba Afrika Borwa."

Tlhabollo ya Ekonomi le Bašomi (Nedlac) ba saenne ditumelelano tšeo di lego ka ga ditekanyo tša go matlafatša boemotia bja mošomo gammogo le go katološa tshetšho ya kgwebo ya kopanelo.

Ditumelelo di emela kaonafalo ye kgolo "maitapišong a rena bjalo ka naga le bjalo ka batho go šogana le ditlhohlo tša go se lekalekane ga tefo mo nageng ya rena gammogo le go tiiša mmaraka wa mošomo".

O re ditumelelano di godiša gape maatla a go lwantšhana le go se lekalekane le bohloki.

Ditumelelano tše di buša seriti sa bahloki ka moka ba maAfrika Borwa.

Motlatšamopresidente o re

bašomi ba 6.6 milione ba be ba phela ka tefo ya go phela ya ka fase ga R3 500 gomme go hlokega gore go thongwe go kaonafatša letseno la bašomi ba ba lefšago meputso ya fasefase.

"Se re se fihleletšego go ya ka meputso ya fasefase ya setšhaba ga se tefo ya go phela. Se se dira motheo wo maatla wa go iša naga ya rena go tefo ya go phela. Ke fao re thomago gona.

Ditumelelano tše ke dipolelo tša tekano ya mengwaga ye mebedi ya dipoledišano.

"Ke dikarabo ka boipiletšo bjo bo dirilwego ke Mopresidente Zuma".

O boletše gore dikhamphani tšeo di ka se kgonego meputso ya fasefase ya setšhaba di ka dira kgopelo ya tokollo go tšwa go mmušo.

Motlatšamopresidente o boletše gape gore meputso ya fasefase e tla lekolwa nako le nako go lekanya khuetšo mešomong. **V**

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Land for all

Bathandwa Mbola

During the State of the Nation Address (SoNA), President Jacob Zuma announced that the state will increase its power to use the Expropriation Act to pursue land reform and land redistribution, in line with the Constitution.

"It will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve true reconciliation until the land question is resolved.

"Only eight million hectares of arable land have been transferred to black people, which is only 9.8 percent of the 82 million hectares of arable land in South Africa.

"There has also been

a 19 percent decline in households involved in agriculture from 2.9 million in 2011 to 2.3 million households in 2016."

Since 1994, government has transferred millions of hectares of land back to blacks who were removed from their ancestral land, but some people feel that the pace of redistribution has not been fast enough.

President Zuma said that going forward government will continue to implement other programmes such as the Strengthening of Relatives Rights programme, also known as the 50-50 programme.

In this programme, farm workers join together as a legal entity and together with the farm owner esta-



FAST FACT

The year 2017 has been declared the Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo who would have turned 100 years this year.

blish a new company as being joint owners.

President Zuma renewed the call for land claimants to accept land instead of financial compensation. Over 90 percent of claims are

currently settled through financial compensation which does not help the process at all.

"It perpetuates dispossession. It also undermines economic empowerment," he said.

The President called on South Africans to unite to move the country forward.

"It is the year of unity in action by all South Africans as we move South Africa forward together," the President said. **V**



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Go fetola maphelo, go šireletša ditšhaba

Parapara Makgahlela

Lenaneo la *Working on Fire* ke lenaneo la Kgoro ya Merero ya Tikologo la go fetola maphelo, kudu ditšhabeng tša go hloka.

Ka 2003 kgoro e thakgotše lenaneo la go hlola mešomo le go kaonafatša mabokgoni gare ga bafsa go tšwa ditšhabeng tše di hlokomologilwego.

Maphelo a mantši a fetogile go tloga moo.

Lenaneo la *Working on Fire* le na le disenthara tše 200 le borasetimamollo ba 5 000 go phatlalala le Afrika Borwa.

Lenaneo le na le 60% ya banna, le 40% ya basadi ba borasetimamollo gomme batho bao ba phelago ka bogolofadi ba dira 4% ya bakgathatema.

Ge ba šetše ba kaladitšwe, bakgathatema ba romelwa Nelspruit lenaneong la tlhahlo la matšatši a 25 la tsebišo le thutwana ya go tima mollo wa tlhaga le dithokgwa.

Ba tlahlilwe bjalo ka borasetimamollo go thuša go lwantšha mello ya tlhaga le dithokgwa

Ge go na le dikgoba, dikwalakwatšo tša mešomo ye di bewa dikgobeng tša setšhaba mo mafelong ao dihlopha tše di šomelago gona.

Go thwalwa lenaneong le batho ba swanetše go:

- ba badudi ba Afrika Borwa
- tšwelela ditekong tša go loka ga mmele nakong ya kalatšo
- tšwa ditšhabeng tšeo kwalakwatšo e beilwego go tšona. **V**



■ Lenaneo la *Working on Fire*, leo le thekgwago ka ditšhelete ke Kgoro ya Merero ya Tikologo gape e le Lenaneo la Mešomo ya Setšhaba ye e Katolōšitšwego, le ikemišeditše go fa dibaka go masogana le makgarebe.

Parapara Makgahlela

Lenaneo la tlhahlo ya mofofane la *Working on Fire* le thakgotšwe ka 2015. Tlhahlo ye e goka borasetimamollo go tšwa lenaneong la *Working on Fire* bao ba nago le setifikeiti sa marematlou bao ba phasitšego Seisemane, Mmetse le Fisikhalesaense gomme ba na le lerato la bofofane.

Ge lenaneo le thoma le be le tšea borasetimamollo ba babedi bao ba ilego Mokgatlong wa Tlhahlo ya Bofofane wa

Working on Fire e kaonafatša mabokgoni

“Ke duma go ba mofofane wa mathomo wo a nago le mangwalo go tšwa motsetoropong wa gešo.”

Kishungu ka Nelspruit.

Wo mongwe wa bakgathatema ba mofofane, Donald Malekuto wa mengwaga ye 22 go tšwa motsetoropong wa Magalie-

berg, o hlahlwa go fihlelela laesense ya mofofane wa profesene ke Mokgatlo wa Tlhahlo ya Bofofane wa Kishungu ka Nelspruit.

“Ke duma go ba mofofane wa mathomo wo a nago le mangwalo go tšwa motsetoropong wa gešo. Nka se senye sebaka se se bohlokwa se ke se filwego go hlahlwa bjalo ka mofofane,” a realo.

Donald ga se yo mofsa go tša bofofane gomme o hlahlilwe bjalo ka mofofane wa difofane tše nnyane ka Magaliesberg.

O bolela gore o leboga kudu ka gore o hwetša tlhahlo ye e tseneletšego ya mofofane ntle le tefo.

“Ke bile ka swara bothata go phetha laesense ya mofofane wa go difofane tše nnyane ka lebaka la mathata a ditšhelete. Ke

leboga Mokgatlo wa Tlhahlo ya Bofofane ka tlhahlo ye,” a realo.

Molaodi-kakaretšo wa lenaneo la *Working on Fire* ka Gauteng Stephen Boyes o boletše gore lenaneo le le botse go hlabolleng mabokgoni. **V**

Go hwetša tshedimošo ka botlalo ka ga lenaneo la *Working on Fire* etela: www.workingonfire.org goba emeilela: parapara.makgahlela@wofire.co.za goba leletša: 011 314 0254.

The African Union Commissioner (AUC) and New Zealand recently launched the 2017 edition of the African Union Handbook.

The African Union Handbook was first launched in 2014 as part of an ongoing collaboration between the AUC and the Republic of New Zealand.

The African Union Handbook aims to provide updated information to Member States and the public at large about the purpose, structure and key facts about the AU organisation.

This is in line with the AUC mission towards becoming a people centred union and the Agenda 2063 Communication strategy to generate public awareness, involvement, own-

African Union Handbook launched

rship and support for the programmes of the African Union.

While making her remarks opening remarks, AUC for Trade and Industry Fatima Haram Acyl noted that the 2017 AU handbook was one of the tools available for creating open lines of communication between the Commission and the public as relates to the implementation of AU programmes.

She further reiterated that in line with the 2017 AU theme “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth”; the need for co- mmunication between AUC and its key stakeholders was of greater import given

the role that youth must play in creating the desired future of an Africa whose growth is inclusive and sustainable.

Ambassador of New Zealand to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the African Union, Bruce Shepherd, remarked on the continued good relationship between the AUC and New Zealand.

He expressed his gratitude for the support accorded by the AU and its Member States during New Zealand’s two-year term in the UN Security Council.

He reiterated New Zealand’s commitment to international peace and security and support for the AU initiative for Sil-

encing the Guns by 2020.

He also noted the extensive relations between the AU and New Zealand on matters related to renewable energy and in particular, geothermal energy.

The Ambassador also announced that New Zealand would be offering 38 new tertiary scholarships to various AU member states in 2017 as a sign

of the continued commitment to support youth and education in the continent and in line with the AU theme for 2017

The African Union Handbook 2017 is available from the Directorate of Information and Communications in the AU Commission; and a PDF version can be downloaded from the African Union (www.au.int) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (www.mfat.govt.nz) websites. **V**

Correction: In February Edition 2 of Vuk'uzenzele a comment on the State of the Nation Address was erroneously attributed to Ms Sibongile Booi (pictured). Ms Booi's correct comment can be viewed on: www.vukuzenzele.gov.za or on the Vuk mobile App. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.