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Employment is top priority

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

Chris Bathembu and Ongezwa Mogotsi

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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

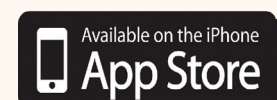
by the end of March 2019. Of the work opportunities created, more than one million have been taken up by the youth."

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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Moputsomonnye o mošwa wa badiri

BADIRI BA FETA dimilione di le 6 ba tla tswelwa mosola ke moputsomonnye o mošwa wa bosetšhaba.

Amukelani Chauke

Motlatsamoporesitente Cyril Ramaphosa o begile gore moputsomonnye o mošwa wa bosetšhaba o tlhomilwe go nna R20 ka ura kgotsa R3 500 ka kgwedi go ba ba dirang diura di le 40 ka beke.

Ba ba dirang diura di le 45 ka beke ba tla amogela moputso wa bonnye jwa R3 900.

Motlatsamoporesitente o rile moputsomonnye o mošwa o tla tsena tirisong ka la bo 1 Motsheganong 2018.

“Moputsomonnye wa bosetšhaba e leng seelo se go sa tshwanelang ga nna le modiri yo o duelwang kwa tlase ga sona, o tla tokafatsa matshelo a badiri ba meputso e e kwa tlase le go simolola go samagana le kgwetlho ya go tlhoka tekatekano mo nageng ya rona.

“Ka go tsenngwa tirisong ga



■ Badiri ba le dimilione milione ba ba amogelang megolo e e e kwa tlase ba tla ungelwa go tswa mo moputsomonnyeng o mošwa.

ona mo ngwageng o o tlang, Aforika Borwa o tla ikamanya le dinaga di le mmalwa go ralala lefatshe tse di tsentseng tirisong moputsomonnye wa bosetšhaba jaaka sediriswa sa tlhabololo ya ikonomi gammogo le loago,” a rialo.

Motlatsamoporesitente o rile balekane ba loago ba ba emetseng mekgatlo ya badiri le mekgatlo ya baagi kwa Lekgotleng la Bosetšhaba la Tlhabololo ya Ikonomi le Badiri (Nedlac) ba saenile ditumelano ka ga mekgwa ya go matlafatsa tsepamo

“Ditumelano tseno di busetsa seriti sa maAforika Borwa otlhe a a tlhokang.”

ya lephata la badiri gammogo le go matlafatsa tsamaiso ya dithe-risano tse di kopanetsweng, go akaretsa le ditsela tsa go tlhagisa moputsomonnye wa bosetšhaba.

Ditumelano di supa tswelopele e e maatlametlo “mo maitekong a rona jaaka naga le batho a go samagana le dikgwetlho tsa go se lekane ga meputso mo nageng ya rona le go tsepamisa lephata la badiri”.

O rile ditumelano tseno di matlafatsa gape le segalo sa go samagana le go se lekalekane le botlhoki.

Ditumelano tseno di busetsa seriti sa maAforika Borwa otlhe a a tlhokang.

Motlatsamoporesitente o rile badiri ba le dimilione di le 6.6

ba tshela ka meputso e e kwa tlase ga R3 500 mme go na le tlhokego ya go simolola leeto la go tokafatsa lotseno lwa badiri ba meputso e e kwa tlase.

“Se re se fitlheletseng tebang le moputsomonnye wa bosetšhaba ga se moputso o o lekaneng go ka itshedisa ka ona. Se ke motheo o o tsepameng o o isang naga kwa moputsong o o lekaneng go ka itshedisa ka ona. Ke tshimologo fela. Ditumelano tseno ke karolo ya dingwaga di ka nna pedi tsa ditherisano.

“Ke tsibogo ya boikuelo jo bo dirilweng ke Moporesitente Zuma”.

O rile ditlamo tse di ka se kgoneng moputsomonnye wa bosetšhaba di ka dira kopo ya go se akarediwe kwa pusong.

Motlatsamoporesitente o tlhalositse gape gore moputso-monnye o tla nna o sekasekwa gangwe le gape go tlhatlhoba seabe sa ona mo ditirong. **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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Parapara Makgahlela

Lenaane la Go Dira ka Molelo ke maiteko a Lefapha la Merero ya Tikologo mo go fetoleng matshelo a batho, segolo kwa mafelong a batlhoki.

Ka 2003 lefapha le ne la thankgolola lenaane le go tlhola ditiro le go tlhabolola dinonofo mo bašweng ba ba tswang kwa mafelong a a tlhokang ditšhono. Fa e sale ka motsi oo, matshelo a mantsi a fetogile.

Lenaane la Go Dira ka Molelo le na le mafelo a le 200 le batimamolelo ba le 5 000 go ralala Aforika Borwa.

Lenaane leno le na le 60% ya banna le 40% ya basadi ba batimamolelo mme batho ba ba tshelang ka bogole ke ba le 4% ba bannaleseabe.

Batsayakarolo fa ba sena

go thapiwa, ba romelwa kwa Nelspruit go tsenela katiso ya matsatsi a le 25 a tlwaetsotiro le thuto e e tseneletseng ya go lwantsha melemo ya dikgwa.

Ba katisiwa jaaka batimamolelo go thusa go lwantsha melemo ya naga le dikgwa.

Fa go na le diphatlhati, dipapatso tsa ditiro tseno di phasaladiwa mo mafelong a botlhe kwa ditlhopho tseno di dirang teng.

Gore motho a tsewe tsia mo lenaaneng leno o tshwanetse go bo:

- e le moagi wa Aforika Borwa
- a falotse teko ya boitekanelo jwa mmele ka nako ya go thapiwa
- a nna mo mafelong a dipapatso di phasaladi-tsweng mo go ona. **U**



■ Lenaane la Go Dira ka Molelo, leo le tlamelwang ka matlole ke Lefapha la Merero ya Tikologo, e bile e le gape Lenanekamoloso la Ditiro tsa Setšhaba, le ikaelela go tihanela makau le makgarebe ditšhono.

Parapara Makgahlela

Maiteko a Go Dira ka Molelo a katiso ya bafofisi a thankgolotswe ka 2015. Katiso eno e ngoka batimamolelo go tswa mo lenaaneng la Go Dira ka Molelo ba ba nang le ditifikheiti tsa materiki ba ba falotseng Seesimane, Dipalo le Bonetetshi mme ba na le phisegelo ya go nna bafofisi.

Fa thulaganyo eno e simolola, e ne e na le batimamolelo ba le babedi ba ba nang ba ya kwa Setheong sa Katiso ya Diphofa

Go Dira ka Molelo go tlhabolola dinonofo

“Ke eletsa go nna mofofisi wa ntlha yo a nang le makwaloithuto go tswa mo motsesetoropong wa me.”

sa Kishugu kwa Nelspruit.

Mongwe wa batsayakarolo ba bofofisi, Donald Malekuto

wa dingwaga di le 22 wa kwa motsesetoropong wa Mohale kwa Magaliesberg, o katisiwa go bona laesense ya boporofesenele ya bofofisi ka Setheo sa Katiso ya Diphofa sa Kishugu kwa Nelspruit.

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Nka se tshameke ka tšhono e

ntle eno e ke e neetsweng jaaka mofofisi,” a rialo.

Donald ga a mošwa mo go tsa phofa mme o katisitswe jaaka mofofisi wa difofane tse dinnye kwa Magaliesberg.

O rile o leboga segolo gonne o bona katiso e e tletseng ya bofofisi ntle le go duela sepe.

“Ke kgaratlhile go konosetsa laesense ya me ya mofofisi wa sefofane sa boitapoloso ka ntlha

ya tlhelo ya matlole.

Ke leboga Setheo sa Katiso ya Diphofa ka katiso e,” a rialo.

Molaodi Kakaretso wa lenaane la Go Dira ka Molelo mo Gauteng, Stephen Boyes, o rile maiteko a a siametse tlhabolola ya dinonofo. **U**

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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-communication 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. **U**

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.