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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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DID YOU KNOW?

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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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Umvuzo omtsha omiselweyo wabasebenzi

ABASEBENZI ABANGAPHAYA KWEZIGIDI EZITHANDATHU baza kuncedwa ngumvuzo omtsha omiselweyo wesizwe.

Amukelani Chauke

USekela-Mongameli Cyril Ramaphosa wazise ukuba umvuzo omiselweyo wesizwe uza kuba ngama-20 eerandi ngeyure okanye ama-3 500 eerandi ngenyanga kwabo basebenza iiyure ezingama-40 ngeveki.

Umvuzo omiselweyo wabo basebenza iiyure ezingama-45 ngeveki uza kuba ngama-3 900 eerandi

USekela-Mongameli uthe lo mvuzo omtsha omiselweyo uza kuqalisa ukusebenza ngomhla woku-1 ku-Canzibe ngowama-2018.

"Lo mvuzo umiselweyo wesizwe nokungekho msebenzi uza kuhlawulwa ngaphantsi kwawo, uza kubuphucula kakhulu ubomi bezigidi ngezigidi zabasebenzi abamkela imivuzo ephantsi, uze ulungise nomngeni wokungalingani kwemivuzo kweli lizwe.

"Xa uqaliswa kulo nyaka uzayo, uMzantsi Afrika uza kufana



Izigidi zabasebenzi abamkela imivuzo ephantsi baza kuncedwa ngumvuzo omtsha omiselweyo.

namazwe amaninzi ehlabathini, asebenzise umvuzo omiselweyo wesizwe njengesixhobo soku-phuhlisa uqoqosho kwakunye nentlalo," utshilo.

USekela-Mongameli uthe amahlakani ezentlalo ayimibutho yabasebenzi nemibutho yoluntu

angamalungu eBhunga leSizwe loPhuhliso loQoqosho nemiSebenzi (i-Nedlac) atyikitye izivumelwano ezimalunga namanyathelo okuzisa uzinzo kwezemisebenzi kwakunye nokunika amandla inkqubo yomdibaniso weengxoxo kunye neendlela zokuqalisa umvu-

"Ezi zivumelwano zibuyisela isidima sabo bonke abemi boMzantsi Afrika abahluphekileyo."

zo omiselweyo wesizwe.

Ezi zivumelwano zibonisa umsebenzi omkhulu esiwenzileyo "kumalinge ethu njengesizwe nanjengabantu, ukulungisa ingxaki yokungalingani kwemivuzo kwilizwe lethu kwakunye nokuzisa uzinzo kwicandelo lezabasebenzi".

Uthe ezi zivumelwano zikwanika amandla okuhlasela umngeni wokungalingani kunye nobuhlwempu.

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USekela-Mongameli uthe abasebenzi abazizigidi eziyi-6.6

bamkela imivuzo engaphantsi kwama-3 500 eerandi kwaye kukho imfuneko yokuphucula imivuzo yabasebenzi abamkela imivuzo ephantsi.

"Isigqibo esifikelele kuso malunga nomvuzo omiselweyo wesizwe asingomvuzo owaneleyo abantu abanokuphila ngawo. La ngamaqalela angqingqwa okuba kude kufikelele kwimeko apho abantu bamkela imivuzo efanelekileyo. Sisiqalo. Ezi zivumelwano sisiphumo seengxoxo ezithathe iminyaka ephantse ibe mibini.

"Zisabela ikhwelo elenziwa nguMongameli Zuma".

Wathi iinkampani ezingakwaziyo ukuhlawula umvuzo omiselweyo wesizwe zingafaka isicelo kurhulumente sokuba zingayihlawuli le mivuzo.

USekela-Mongameli ukwathe umvuzo omiselweyo uza kuhlolwa ngamaxesha athile ukuze kubonwe ifuthe lawo emisebenzini. **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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Ukutshintsha iimpilo, ukukhusela uluntu

Paparapara Makgahlela

Inkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo lilinge leSebe lezeNdalo lokutshintsha iimpilo zabantu, ingakumbi abantu abangathathi ntweni.

Ngowama-2003 eli sebe laqalisa inkqubo yokudala imisebenzi nokuphuhlisa izakhono kulutsha oluphuma kwiindawo ezihlelekileyo. Iimpilo zabantu abaninzi zitshintshile ukususela ngoko.

Inkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo inamaziko angama-200 kunye nabacimi-mlilo abangama-5 000 kulo lonke eli loMzantsi Afrika. Inkqubo le inabacimi-mlilo abangamadoda abangama-60% nababhinqileyo abangama-40%.

Baze abantu abakubhazekileyo bona bagcwalise le-4% ishiyekileyo.

Bakuba beqeshiwe, abathathi-nxaxheba bathunyelwa eNelspruit kwinkqubo yokubaqeqesha ethatha iintsuku ezingama-25 ukuze bangeniswe ekhaya, kunye noqeqesho olunzulu ngendlela zokucima umlilo wamadlelo nowamahlathi.

Baqeqeshelwa ukuba ngabacimi-mlilo ukuze bancedise ekucimeni imililo emadlelweni nasemahlathini.

Qho xa kukho izithuba, izibhengezo zale misebenzi zipapashwa esidlangalaleni apho la maqela asebenza khona.

Ukuze abantu bamkeleke kule nkqubo, kufuneka babe



Inkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo, exhaswa ngemali liSebe lezeNdalo futhi eyinxalenye yeNkqubo eyaNdisiweyo yeMisebenzi yoLuntu, ilungiselelwe ukunika umlisela nomthinjana amathuba.

noku kulandelayo:

- Babe ngabemi boMzantsi Afrika

- Baphumelele uvavanyo lokuba baphile qete ngelixa baqeshwayo

- Bahlala kwezo ndawo izibhengezo zezi thuba zipapashwe kuzo. **V**

Paparapara Makgahlela

Iphulo lokuqeqesha abaqhubi benqwelo-moya lenkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo laqalisa ngowama-2015. Eli phulo loqeqesho luthatha abacimi-mlilo abavela kwinkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo abaneziqinisekiso zematriki nabaphumelele izifundo zesiNgesi, iMathematika ne-Physical Science nabavuthayo kukuthanda icandelo lezophapho neenqwelo-moya.

Ukuqala kwalo eli phulo lalinabacimi-mlilo ababini

INkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo iphuhlisa izakhono

“Ndingwenela ukuba ngumntu wokuqala ofundele ukuqhuba iinqwelo-moya elokishini yam.”

abaye baya kwiKishugu Aviation Training Organisation eNelspruit.

Omnye wabaqhubi benqwelo-moya abathatha onguDonald Malekuto ominyaka ingama-22 ophuma kwilokishi

yaseMohale eMagaliesburg uqeqeshelwa ukufumana iphepha-mvume (ilayisenisi) lokuba ngumqhubi weenqwelo-moya. Lonto yenziwa yiKishugu's Aviation Training Organisation eNelspruit.

“Ndingwenela ukubangumntu wokuqala ofundele ukuqhuba iinqwelo-moya elokishini yam. Andisayi kudlalisa ngeli thuba lihle kangakanana endilifumeneyo lokuqeqeshwa njengomqhubi wenqwe-

lo-moya,” utshilo.

UDonald akamtshanga kwicandelo lezophapho neenqwelo-moya kwaye uqeqeshwe njengomqhubi wenqwelo-moya engenanjini eMagaliesburg.

Uthe unombulelo omkhulu ngokukodwa xa kulapha eza kuqeqeshwa nzulu simahla njengomqhubi wenqwelo-moya.

“Ndalifumene nzima iphepha-mvume lokuba ngumqhubi wenqwelo-moya engenanjini ngenxa

yeengxaki zezimali. Ndiyayibulela i-Aviation Training Organisation ngokundiyeqesha,” utshilo.

UStephen Boyes onguMphathi-Jikelele kwinkqubo yokuSebenza ngoMlilo eGauteng uthe eli phulo lihle malunga nokuphuhlisa izakhono. **V**

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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-

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.