

# Cabinet Statement

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Cabinet meeting of 24 May 2017**

## ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT



### ABUSE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Cabinet is concerned with the rising incidences of abuse and violence against women in our society.
- Recent incidents involving intimate partner violence have seen many brave and courageous women speaking out against this violation of their rights.
- South Africa has patriarchal society and more needs to be done to fight the scourge of femicide and human trafficking.
- Cabinet calls on all sectors of society to join hands in defeating this scourge, oppose any form of violence committed against women and children, and work with the police and justice system in order to bring perpetrators to justice.
- President Jacob Zuma has called for a stop to the continued abuse of women and children.
- Cabinet has instructed the Social Protection,

Community and Human Development Cluster to put in place a programme of action that will drive the country in the fight to stop the abuse of women and children.

### 2016 SOUTH AFRICAN DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY (STATISTICS SOUTH AFRICA)

- It measures the health status of South Africans, and the reach and quality of health programmes.
- 20% drop in infant mortality
- 11% drop in the number of women and men who smoke tobacco.
- Results demonstrate that policy interventions put in place by President Zuma's administration are yielding positive results.
- The number of South Africans that still continues to engage in unprotected sex with multiple partners, is concerning
- Some 32% and 42% of

### ANTI-CORRUPTION

- The release of the Anti-Corruption Strategy discussion document will inform the National Anti-Corruption Strategy.
- The fight against corruption remains one of the main priorities for government.

- Corruption and integrity failures in both the private and public sector have a detrimental effect on our country's development.
- Written inputs can be made through the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation website: [www.dpme.gov.za](http://www.dpme.gov.za)

## CABINET DECISIONS

### REVIEWED BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT CHARTER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINING AND MINERALS INDUSTRY IN 2017

- Cabinet approved publication of the charter.
- Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane will provide a briefing once the charter has been gazetted.

### NATIONAL RADIO FREQUENCY PLAN 2017 BY THE MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SERVICES

- Cabinet approved.
- The allocation of spectrum by the World Radiocommunication Conference has a significant impact on the economic growth of South Africa.
- The National Radio Frequency Plan 2017 is a comprehensive source of radio frequency spectrum allocation for different radiocommunication services.
- Ensures South Africa is aligned with the approved International Radio Regulations that were adopted in the 2015 International Telecommunication Union conference.



women and men respectively indicated that they have never been tested for HIV despite government efforts to raise awareness on HIV testing.

- Cabinet calls on all South Africans to take personal responsibility for their health and well-being, practice safe sex and get tested regularly for HIV and all communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Cabinet calls on parents and guardians to ensure their children are vaccinated against childhood diseases. Cabinet remains committed to ensuring children are immunised to eliminate life threatening infectious diseases. Cabinet reassures parents and guardians that the drugs administered by the Department Health are safe.

### AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

- Cabinet has noted with regret the decision by General Motors South Africa (GMSA) (Pty) Ltd to phase out the manufacturing and sale of Chevrolet vehicles in the country.
- Holds dire consequences for those who will lose their job and for our economy.
- Government remains committed to support the country's automotive sector, which is critical for the economy and job creation.
- The dti continues to work with all stakeholders to mitigate the impact.
- To increase manufacturing, employment creation and export intensity, we recently launched the ninth phase of the Industrial Policy Action Plan to guide our actions.
- Isuzu, which has been partnering with GMSA over the years in South Africa, will take over the operations from GMSA.

■ Cabinet calls on all South Africans – including domestic users, businesses, mining sector, energy and agriculture – to work together and use water more sparingly.

### DEVELOPMENTS AT ESKOM

- President Zuma has set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) comprising the Ministers of Public Enterprises, Energy, Finance and Justice and Correctional Services.
- The IMC will gather the facts in order to guide Cabinet on how to deal with such matters in future.
- Convenor: Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Adv Michael Masutha.

### GLOBAL CYBER-ATTACK

- Recent global cyber-attack is concerning.
- All South Africans to take the necessary precautions when using electronic means of communicating or transacting. The use of updated antivirus software which scans the environment frequently is also recommended.



### DROUGHT SITUATION IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND EASTERN CAPE

- Deterioration of the drought situation in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape.
- A team from the Department of Water and Sanitation, the National Disaster Management Committee working with the provinces and local government, had been actively engaged in ensuring that short to medium-term solutions are fast-tracked to guarantee the water security of the provinces in the long term.
- Communities must play their part and support the water restrictions introduced by the provinces.

### INLAND WATERWAYS SAFETY STRATEGY

- Cabinet approved.
- The strategy, through the South African Maritime Safety Authority, sets standards and enhances procedures for permitting and licensing arrangements for boats operating on inland waterways.
- This will ensure the safety of small vessels on South Africa's inland waterways.

### ROAD-FREIGHT OPERATIONS.

- The recommendations in this strategy seek to ensure that the road freight sector can better serve the needs of the South African economy by:
  - enhancing the efficiency of enforcement,
  - promoting road safety,
  - improving the protection of the infrastructure,
  - reducing environmental impacts, and
  - creating an integrated framework of quality-regulated competition.

### ROAD FREIGHT STRATEGY

- Cabinet approved.
- Aim: To create an integrated regulatory and operational framework, which will enable South Africa to achieve best international standards of



### SOUTH AFRICAN MINT COMPANY'S DESIGNS FOR THE 2017 AND 2018 NUMISMATIC COMMEMORATIVE AND CIRCULATION COINS

- Cabinet approved.
- A new series was developed in collaboration with Cabinet and it represents culture, freedom and democracy under the theme: "Celebrating South Africa".
- The centenary of Struggle

stalwart Oliver Reginald Tambo's birth was chosen as the first subject to be depicted.

- The introduction of the new R50 (1oz, sterling-silver) coin, R500 (1oz, 24-carat gold) coin and R50 (base metal alloy) coin celebrating the 100-year anniversary of OR Tambo's birthdate.
- Designs for the following 2017 and 2018 commemorative coin series:

- 2017 coin series: *Oliver Reginald Tambo Centenary Celebration*;
- 2017 circulation coin: *R5 coin depicting the Order of the Companies of OR Tambo*;
- 2017 Protea coin series: *Life of a Legend – Nelson Mandela*;
- 2017 R1 coin series: *Reptiles of South Africa – the Puff Adder*;
- 2018 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Man and the Biosphere coin series: *The Waterberg Biosphere Reserve*;
- 2018 coin series: *National Geographic Society 'Big Cats Initiative' – The Lion*;
- 2018 coin: *2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™*.

**Life and legacy of OR TAMBO. 100 YEARS**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Working Together to Protect Children

**Report child abuse, neglect and exploitation**

CRIME STOP: Toll free 0800 10 111  
 CHILDLIN: Toll free 0800 055 555  
[www.childdes.gov.za](http://www.childdes.gov.za)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
 Contact No: 012 312 7500  
[www.dsd.gov.za](http://www.dsd.gov.za)

GENERA ASSISTANCE: Toll free 0800 428 428

Building a Caring Society Together. [www.dsd.gov.za](http://www.dsd.gov.za)

### CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

- When: 28 May to 4 June.
- Theme: "Let us all protect children to move South Africa forward".
- The protection of our children is the duty and responsibility of all South Africans: parents, guardians, individuals and communities.
- As a society we have a duty to do more to ensure the most vulnerable in our society do not suffer abuse.

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES



### ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK

- Received the Audit Excellence Award at the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants Public Sector Excellence Awards.
- In recognition of the park receiving clean audits over five consecutive years.

### WORKING ON FIRE PROGRAMME

- Received a plaque from the Alberta Government in Canada commemorating the assistance provided by the programme in managing wildfires in their province in 2016.

### STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY AND TYGERBERG ACADEMIC HOSPITAL

- Performed a second penis transplant, making it the first medical centre in the world to successfully perform this procedure twice.
- Medical team: Prof Andre van der Merwe, Dr

Alexander Zuhlke, Prof Rafique Moosa, Dr Amir Zarrabi and Dr Zamira Keyser.

- The success of this procedure in the hands of our transplant team is testimony to the high level of skill and expertise that exists in the public health sector in South Africa.

Join Africa Fridays this Africa Month

**WEAR YOUR AFRICAN ATTIRE THIS FRIDAY**

**WE ARE AFRICA**

#WeAreAfrica Follow us on:

It is in our hands to stop the cycle of neglect, abuse, violence and exploitation of children.

- Cabinet encourages all sectors of society to work together to create safer and healthier communities so that our children can thrive.

the various support and educational programmes that government has made available to improve their prospects and advance their participation in the economy.

activities and programmes marking Africa Month under the theme: "The Year of OR Tambo: Building a Better Africa and a Better World".

- The annual commemoration of Africa Day marks the founding of the Organisation of African Unity in 1963.

### YOUTH MONTH

- When: June 2017.
- Theme: "The Year of OR Tambo: Advancing Youth Economic Participation."
- Over the month government will host a number of engagements including youth expos, dialogues and youth entrepreneur hubs to showcase opportunities available to young people, and inspire them to instill the educational and leadership values of OR Tambo.
- Cabinet encourages all young people to access

### TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK

- When: 25 May and 26 May.
- Aim: To expose girls from Grade 10 to 12 learners to different career options.
- Cabinet calls on employers to participate.

### NATIONAL 2017 AFRICA DAY CELEBRATION

- Who: President Jacob Zuma.
- When: Thursday, 25 May 2017
- Where: Sefako Makgatho Presidential Guesthouse, Pretoria.
- This is a culmination of

It is also incumbent on all who reside within our borders, South Africans and foreign nationals alike to adhere to the laws of the country. Together we must fight the scourge of human trafficking, abductions, and the abuse of women and children.

## CONDOLENCES

### GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (UK)

- Strongly condemned the terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena in Manchester in England, which resulted in the unfortunate deaths and injuries of numerous children and youth.
- Extends condolences to the government and the people of the UK, in particular the families and loved ones of the deceased, and wish the injured a speedy recovery.
- Acts of violence and extremism have no place in society and constitute a threat to peace, security and development.



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