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Monday 21 February– Friday 25 February 2011

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Monday 21, February 2011

President Jacob Zuma on working visit to Mauritania and Côte D'Ivoire (Until 21 Feb)

President Zuma travelled to Mauritania yesterday and will today visit Cote d'Ivoire on a working visit. The President will be undertaking this visit in his capacity as a member of the High-Level Panel for the Resolution of the Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. President Zuma will return to South Africa on 22 February 2011. International Relations and Cooperation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane will support the President on the visit.

Enquiries: Clayson Monyela 082 884 5974

Department of International Relations and Cooperation to host the African Diaspora Technical Committee of Experts Meeting (until 22 Feb)

South Africa, in collaboration with the African Union (AU) Commission, will host meeting. The Republic of South Africa has been seized with the African Diaspora Initiative. One of the highlights to this effect is the success of the African Diaspora conference it jointly organised with the AU in March 2005 in Kingston, Jamaica. This conference brought together Africans on the continent and representatives of the African Diaspora from the Caribbean and was held under the theme "Towards Unity and United Action by Africans and the African Diaspora in the Caribbean for a Better World: The Case of South Africa". Some of the high level luminaries and academia who will participate in the meeting include Ambassador Dudley Thompson, Dr. Mathole Motshekga, Dr Julius Garvey and Professor Kwesi Prah.

Venue: Conference Centre of the OR Tambo Building
(International Relations and Cooperation's Headquarters)

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Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk to officially open Meetings Africa 2011

Minister van Schalkwyk will officially open the South African Tourism's premier annual business tourism expo, Meetings Africa 2011. With improved technology, a "greener" focus and a more varied list of tourism products on offer, this year's installment of Meetings Africa promises to be bigger, better and more exciting. Meetings Africa positions South Africa as the continent's leading Business Tourism destination.

Time: 10:30 for 10:45

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre

RSVP: Natasha Rockman 076 429 2264 / nrockman@tourism.gov.za
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Home Affairs Director-General Mkuseli Apleni to brief the media on the Department's permitting regime.

Time: 15:00
Venue: Arcadia House, 909 Arcadia Street
(between Orient and Hill Streets) Arcadia, Pretoria
RSVPs: Manusha Pillai 082 389 3587 / pillai.manusha@gmail.com
Enquiries: Ronnie Mamoepa 082 990 4853

Department of Water Affairs to celebrate National Water Week 2011 (Until 27 Feb)

The National Water Week will be held under the theme: Water is life: working together we can save more water from 21 to 27 March. National Water Week is celebrated annually and this year the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs Ms Edna Molewa is calling on all South Africans to play a role in protecting and conserving water, a precious and scarce resource. Water Week 2011, takes place at a time when the country is dealing with the contrasting effects of drought in parts of the country and the devastating aftermath of flooding which has claimed lives and destroyed properties. In addition, it comes as the water sector faces a myriad of challenges including pollution of our water courses, provision of basic water supply to communities and ensuring security of supply into the future.

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Themba Khumalo 012 336 8270 / 082 802 3432

Gauteng Premier Nomvula Mokonyane delivers state of the province address

Time: 09:00
Venue: Gauteng Legislature, Cnr Harrison and President Streets
Contact: Lesemang Matuka 083 539 6877

Tuesday 22, February 2011

Government Spokesperson Jimmy Manyi to brief media on Post Cabinet media briefing

Spokesperson Manyi will brief on the outcomes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 February 2011.

Time: 09:30- 10:30
Venue: Room 153, Union Buildings, Pretoria
Video link-up: Imbizo Media Centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town
RSVPs: David Masango 083 279 7520 (Pretoria)
Liezil Cerf 076 778 2380 (Cape Town)
Enquiries: Neo Momodu 079 462 5081

Government to brief media on International Cooperation, Trade & Security cluster

Following the State of the Nation Address of 10 February 2011, Government will hold Cluster Media Briefings on the implementation of the Programme of Action 2011.

Time: 11:00 to 12:30
Venue: Media Centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town.
Video link-up: Room 153, Union Buildings, Pretoria.
RSVPs: David Masango 0832797520 (Pretoria)
Liezil Cerf 076 778 2380 (Cape Town)
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Home Affairs Minister Dlamini Zuma to hold discussions with Zimbabwean counterparts

Minister Dlamini Zuma will host bilateral discussions with her Zimbabwean counterparts, Ministers of Home Affairs Kembo Mohadi and Theresa Makone. Discussions between the Ministers of Home Affairs from South Africa and Zimbabwe come within the context of efforts to finalise the

process of documenting Zimbabwean nationals resident in South Africa. This is the third meeting between the Ministers as part of the agreement between the two governments to co-operate in the documentation of Zimbabwean nationals in South Africa.

Time: 11:30 (Press conference)
 Venue: Sheraton Hotel, cnr Church and Wessels Street, Pretoria
 RSVP: Manusha Pillai 082 389 3587 / pillai.manusha@gmail.com
 Enquiries: Ronnie Mamoepa 082 990 4853

Department of Environmental Affairs to host National Storm Surge Workshop (Until 23 Feb)

The main objective of the National Workshop will be to bring interested parties together, in order to share knowledge and best practice in coping with storm surges along the South African coastline. The expected outcomes will be : A better appreciation of the risk posed by Storm Surges: the details of the hazards now and into the future, the identification of locations along the coast which are vulnerable to environmental, economic and social impacts, and an assessment of the capacity needed to cope with the threats and The development of a research agenda to address the risks posed by storm surges along the coast of South Africa, including consideration of the advantages of a Storm Surge Early Warning System for South Africa.

Venue: Knysna, Log Inn Hotel
 Enquiries: Zolile Nqayi 082 898 6483/021 819-2423
znqayi@environment.gov.za

Wednesday 23, February 2011

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan to present the budget speech to Parliament

Lock-ups have been arranged in Cape Town and Pretoria. Leaks during the embargo are taken seriously and those found guilty may face severe consequences. Therefore the responsibility to ensure that the embargo is not broken is on journalists and editors. Information contained in the documents can only be published/aired once the embargo is lifted. Lock-up arrangements for media:

Time: 06:00
 Venue: 100 Plein Street Building for Press Gallery Association (PGA) members and Imbizo media centre for non-members
 Time: 08:00
 Venue: National Treasury Offices, 240 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria
 Enquiries: Kershia Singh 012 315 5819 / 072 623 4608
kershia.singh@treasury.gov.za.

Thursday 24, February 2011

Government to brief media on Economic Sectors and Employment cluster

Following the State of the Nation Address of 10 February 2011, Government will hold Cluster Media Briefings on the implementation of the Programme of Action 2011.

Time: 09:00 to 10:30
 Venue: Media Centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town.
 Video link-up: Room 153, Union Buildings, Pretoria.
 RSVPs: David Masango 0832797520 (Pretoria)
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Friday 25, February 2011

Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor to unveil science and computer laboratories at Carnarvon High School

Minister Pandor will unveil state-of-the-art science and computer laboratories at the school, built

with the help of the South Africa's Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project. If Africa wins the bid against Australasia, Carnarvon will host the SKA radio telescope, one of the world's biggest scientific projects.

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