



SOUTH AFRICA YEARBOOK 2022/23



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Our nation's celebration of 30 Years of Freedom places a spotlight on the progressive transformation of our society through the collective efforts of South Africans from all walks of life.

While we remain engaged in addressing the triple challenge of poverty, unemployment and inequality, no-one can deny that the South Africa of today bears little resemblance to the South Africa in which the majority of citizens were dispossessed and disadvantaged under apartheid.

Significant strides were made in the 2022/23 year in the transformation and renewal of our society as government, working with social partners, worked to advance change in our country and respond to immediate challenges.

This was a year in which we focused on and recorded achievements in reducing poverty and unemployment, tackling the electricity crisis, and intensifying the fight against crime and corruption.

This Yearbook is a record of our work to rebuild our economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and the success of our bold investment drive, supported by key economic reforms and the roll out of growth-enabling infrastructure.

This publication is also a record of how we created economic opportunities for young South Africans – the largest cohort affected by unemployment – and deepened the economic empowerment of women.

Government initiatives were supported through close cooperation with organised business and labour, as we worked together to ensure no-one was left behind.

As part of the effort to rid all sectors of our society and economy of corruption and state capture, we have been implementing our plan in response to the findings and recommendations of the State Capture Commission.

In the fight against crime, government added impetus to the national offensive against gender-based violence and femicide by introducing far-reaching legislation and embarking on campaigns to mobilise all sectors of society to stop the abuse of women and children.

In the year under review, we made progress towards the establishment of a National Health Insurance, which will give all South Africans quality healthcare at a public or private facility close to where they live or work. Our development as a nation needs a healthy population and a healthcare system that overcomes the disparities of our past.

Our approach to international relations and cooperation in 2022/23 reflected our determination to make our country and our world a better place.

Our international work spanned our engagement in peacemaking and peacekeeping on our continent, the promotion of the African Continental Free Trade Area, participation in a number of important international fora and garnering support of international partners for our Just Energy Transition Investment Plan.

The overview provided in this Yearbook represents the ideas and actions of South Africans from across society who are shaping our country for the better day by day and week by week.

From agriculture and food security to innovations in aerospace, from musical productions and visual arts to our triumphs in the arenas of sport, we are a nation of diverse interests and achievements.

This Yearbook highlights the best of what we accomplished in the year under review. As we celebrate 30 Years of Freedom, we can be inspired by these achievements to take the transformation of South Africa to even greater heights.

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