DID YOU KNOW?

## Cabinet Meeting of 27 March 2019

Cabinet met on Wednesday, 27 March 2019, at Union Buildings, Pretoria





Investment Cabinet welcomes the second-phase expansion of the **Dube Trade Port** Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in KwaZulu-Natal The R18-billion

investment brings an additional 45 hectares of industrial space into the SEZ. It will serve as the foundation to attract an estimated R20 billion in investment over the next five years.

 Cabinet also welcomes Chinese electronics manufacturer Hisense's R72-million investment into its refrigeration and television production lines

at its Atlantis factory in the Western Cape. ✓ Created 150 manufacturing job

opportunities. √ This investment brings Hisense's total investment in this Atlantis plant to R440 million

## Land restitution President Cyril

Ramaphosa handed over the first-ever land restitution to descendants of the Griqua community (Ebenhaeser community) in Vredendal in the Western Cape. This handover continues the Land Reform Programme of improving the conditions of the previously disadvantaged

communities. Cabinet welcomed the post-settlement support provided by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform through a variety of tractors to be used by

farmers in the area, which will ensure the keeping and working of the land for current and future generations. Quarterly Labour Survey Cabinet welcomes the release this week of the

latest employment data

from Statistics South

Africa (StatsSA), which

confirm the growth in

2018. The Quarterly

total employment during

2. CABINET DECISIONS

New South African

Commissioner

2019.

Cabinet welcomes

the appointment of

Mr Edward Christian

Kieswetter as the new

Commissioner of SARS

with effect from 1 May

Mr Kieswetter obtained

his Honours degree

in Education Science

in 1988, a Master of

Science Education in

1996 and a Master of

He brings to SARS a

wealth of managerial

Business Administration

in 2001, amongst others.

Revenue Service (SARS)

Employment Survey, one of two surveys conducted by StatsSA, showed that: √ employment in the formal

sector grew by 158 000 during the 12 months of ✓ during the last three months of last year

employment grew by 87 The survey excludes data on agriculture and the informal economy

 This welcome trend follows the release last month of the more comprehensive Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS), which covers all sectors of the economy both formal and informal and which also showed significant employment growth during 2018.

This increase in jobs reflect in part growing investor confidence and a rise in foreign direct investment in the economy, pointing to the success of the President's efforts to boost South Africa as a destination for investment.

 The Presidential Investment Conference

held in October 2018 attracted pledges of R300 billion. Over the next four years, government will work with investors local communities and organised labour to enable the pledged investment to take place and to help create additional jobs and

economic opportunities Since the start of the the QLFS shows that total employment has grown to 16,5 million, with 1,5 million new jobs created in the five-year period.

## Cyclone Idai devastation

 Cabinet extends its condolences to the families of victims of Cyclone Idai that affected parts of Mozambique Malawi and Zimbabwe. The cyclone left a trail of destruction displaced hundreds of

acquired from both the

The conclusion of this

private and public sector

appointment gives effect

made by the Commission

to the recommendation

of Inquiry into Tax

Administration and

Robert Nugent.

(Nugent Report)

on the outcome

Cabinet was briefed

of the work of the

Commission of Inquiry

Governance by SARS,

■ Commission of Inquiry

into Tax Administration

and Governance by SARS

chaired by retired Judge

thousands of people, destroyed vast areas, cut off communication networks and made roads impassable.

> In the spirit of Ubuntu (Humanity), President Ramaphosa has responded to the call for assistance from our neighbours by approving various

> > interventions, including

search-and-rescue

capability. Cabinet expresses its appreciation on the work done by our South African National Defence Force (SANDF), South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Department of Health

SANDF helicopters

helped to rescue people trapped by the floods and the SAPS also deployed specially trained dogs with their handlers to the search-and-rescue mission. Cabinet also thanks non-governmental organisations and the Gift of the Givers for providing ongoing humanitarian and

disaster-relief assistance.

## ■ Eskom

• Deputy President David Mabuza reported to Cabinet on developments regarding Eskom and electricity constraints. Good progress has since been made in acquiring sufficient coal and diesel supplies, and with water reserves at pumped storage stations at hydroelectricity plants.

 The Technical Review by Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan and the Eskom Board on 4 March 2019, will finish some of its work by early next week and will have some preliminary results from its review of Eskom power stations. This will assist Eskom and government to put in place a more rigorous programme of powerplant maintenance, which

will help stabilise the

and Governance

by SARS. President

Ramaphosa appointed

the commission on 24

others, stabilise SARS,

capacity to meet revenue

targets. Its interim report

was submitted on 27

September 2018 and

the final report on 11

commission that most

from a "massive failure

of governance and

failings at SARS stemmed

December 2018.

Cabinet noted the

findings of the

May 2018 to, among

restore its credibility

and strengthen its

generation system over

the next few weeks and months. Cabinet also dealt with the financial situation of Eskom. Further options are being considered to support the power utility Electricity generation has been stable this week

are still a high number of unplanned outages that create a disruptive effect on the overall system. Cabinet commended the Eskom management and staff for their efforts to provide stable,

with a low risk of load-

shedding. However, there

consistent and reliable energy supply both to our economy and to our citizens under difficult operating conditions.

Cabinet emphasised that all South Africans should cooperate and come up with new ideas – as well as energy-saving practices that were applied in the past to reduce the demand for electricity. These include switching off geysers, swimming pool pumps and lights that are not in use. Further progress on Eskom and electricity generation, as indicated by the Minister

## National Student Financial

of Public Enterprises, will

be provided within the next

Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Higher Education and Training Minister Naledi Pandor announced the allocation of an additional R967 million to NSFAS. towards the settling of the historic debt to the universities by 52 514 NSFAS funded students that are still continuing with their studies. This allocation does not include those students

that are already fully

former Commissioner

The commission made

27 specific corrective

recommendations to

decisions, covering an

included procurement

organisational design

and strengthening

of the organisational

leadership. One of the

key recommendations

has been the urgent

appointment of the

Cabinet expresses its

by the Commission

broad support for the

recommendations made

Commissioner for SARS

array of areas which

rectify past harmful

■ Passing on of Princess Irene Thandekile Buthelezi

Cabinet expressed its heartfelt condolence to the family and

Inkatha Freedom Party leader Prince Buthelezi for 67 years.

Finance will oversee

the implementation of

its recommendations,

including leading a

consultative process

to amend the SARS Act

to improve governance

and accountability, and

the potential role of

an Inspector-General

compared to a Board.

its gratitude to Judge

and the support team

of the Commission, for

its high-quality report

efficiency to produce

it. The report has been

and the speed and

Nugent, panel members

Cabinet expresses

friends of Princess Irene Thandekile Buthelezi, the wife of

funded on the revised threshold of the joint minimum income of the

 Cabinet supports all attempts made towards making education to students coming from poor families. It will continue to support the work that seeks to narrow the gap of inequality within our society. Cabinet calls on the students to continue to work with the department to find solutions to outstanding issues they

## ■ South African Broadcasting

still face.

Corporation (SABC) Cabinet has noted and welcomes the work that is being done to assist the SABC to raise R3,2 billion as interim funding from the commercial banks. This will ensure the broadcaster is able to meet its funding requirements between now and September 2019.

 Cabinet remains committed to supporting the SABC and this follows earlier announcements by Finance Minister Tito Mboweni in his Budget Speech in February 2019 to support state owned companies (SOCs) in financial distress, including the SABC, to receive funding currently allocated in the

## Southern African **Development Community** (SADC) Solidarity Conference

Cabinet is pleased that

contingency reserve.

South Africa hosted a successful SADC Solidarity Conference with the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic earlier this month. Western Sahara is the only country in Africa that

remains under colonial rule. The SADC Solidarity Conference with Western Sahara seeks, among other things, to reaffirm the right of the people of Western Sahara to selfdetermination. This is in line with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations (UN) as well as the then Organisation of the African Unity and the African Union (AU).

and is available on The Presidency's website: www.thepresidency.gov

## Evaluation of the National Drug Master Plan (NDMP) 2013-2018

 Cabinet approved the evaluation report of the NDMP 2013-2018 as a demonstration of government's continued commitment to fight the use and effects of drugs within communities around the country.

 The evaluation establishes that whilst the NDMP provides a guiding framework for the sector, its implementation has been weakened by poor alignment of the

strategies of the various relevant departments. It proposes a number of interventions such as harmonizing the strategies of the departments and

further recommends a more independent fully funded structure to drive substance abuse and prevention in our communities, especially amongst the youth.

 Cabinet acknowledges the challenges faced by our communities in respect of drug addiction. The recommendation made by this evaluation will go a long way in decisively addressing this

Cabinet also approved the setting up of an Anti-Drug Council, structured similarly to the South African National AIDS Council, to drive the fight against drug addiction. The revised master plan will now be referred to as the

Framework on Gender Responsive Planning **Budgeting, Monitoring Evaluation and Audit**  Cabinet approved the Framework on Gender

Responsive Planning,

■ Gender-Based Violence

Another milestone in the

realised on Thursday,

28 March 2019, with

Booysens Magistrate's

Court in Johannesburg.

Booysens Magistrate's

The state-of-the-art

Court offers a range

of services and is fully

equipped to support

The opening of the court

will also see President

Ramaphosa, together

society organisations,

hosting the Presidential

launch of the GBV and

Femicide Declaration

that begins to commit

to the implementation

with various civil-

victims of GBV and

femicide.

the opening of the

fight against GBV will be

(GBV) and Femicide

3. UPCOMING EVENTS

Anti-Drug Master Plan.

which looks at the education and training

Budgeting, Monitoring opportunities for adults Evaluation and Audit. The framework places gender mainstreaming at the centre of public policy by putting forward a strategy

and implementation responsiveness of existing planning, budgeting, monitoring, evaluations and auditing systems. outcomes. The constitutional √ The Evaluation of

mandate to end gender discrimination, and realise the rights of women and girls, requires a decisive and effective paradigm shift across all state machinery

### **■** Evaluation reports Cabinet also approved

a number of other evaluation reports that were commissioned through the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) including the following √ The Evaluation of

the Framework for Strategic and Annual Performance Plans (FSAPP) which determines whether FSAPP has been

effective at guiding departments in their service delivery, particularly responding to government's priority outcomes, and in holding departments accountable for performance. The review confirms the relevance of this

approach, however it indicates that the design has some gaps and that the approach is not entirely aligned, coherent and consistent with all the related policies and legislation. The report proposes a number of interventions to strengthen this approach.

√ The Evaluation of Design Draft Policy on Community Colleges design of the draft policy to address the lack of

of the decisions from

the National GBV and

Femicide Summit that

was held in November

• The following courts with

Sexual Offences Courts

will be handed over in

the next three months:

Magistrate's Court in

the Western Cape will

yield about nine court

rooms, one of which is a

Sexual Offences Court.

Magistrate's Courts

to be launched in the

√ Mpumalanga High

Magistrate's Court,

revamped through

Court in Mbombela

and the old Middleburg

which has been partially

inmates' labour to serve

√ Dimbaza and Bitji

Eastern Cape

√ Plettenberg Bay

and post-school youth and the failure of them to meet the needs of adult and youth to access the labour market

and livelihood skills. highlights the absence of adequate resources to enable this programme to derive the anticipated

**Government Business** Incentives, which provides an assessment of how the system as a whole is working to support business and benefit society. Government uses a wide range of incentives to encourage firms to

act or invest in specific activities or contribute to certain social or economic outcomes. The report identifies overlaps and complementarities in various business incentives. It

> Incentive Coordination Committee The Evaluation of the Integrated Strategy on the Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Small Enterprises, which assessed the

recommends amongst

others the establishment

of an Intergovernmental

effectiveness of implementation of this strategy, which was approved in 2005 to focus on critical areas such as job creation, equity and access to markets These enterprises play a critical role in creating employment innovation and growth. The proposed improvement plan includes improvement

coordination and rationalisation across all spheres of government and strengthens institutional governance and oversight

of government. The evaluations were commissioned to independent service providers and will be posted on the DPME

website: www.dpme.gov

Service and governance

National coordinating mechanism for UN, AU and the SADC

 In line with the National Development Plan, which seeks to promote sustainable development by tackling regional, continental and global challenges, Cabinet approved the establishment of a national coordinating mechanism to coordinate the sustainable development agendas of the UN, AU and the

• This national coordination mechanism will serve as a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder process to facilitate consultations and coordination within and outside government on South Africa's international sustainable development

commitments This will be overseen by an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) driven from the centre of government, which will ensure that the development agendas (UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the AU's Agenda 2063 and the SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan) are fully reflected in the country's national plans, and will provide overall guidance on fulfilling

## requirements. IMC on the Fourth

monitoring and reporting

 Subsequent to President Ramaphosa's announcement in his 2019 State of

the Nation Address, Cabinet approved the establishment of an IMC on the 4IR.

• The commission is to advise on strategies and policies to respond developments occasioned by digitisation and the 4IR. of the IMC is to

The main responsibility coordinate planning and implementation of the 4IR interventions, including complementing the work of the Presidential Commission on 4IR

## • As Cabinet concludes its programme of this fifth administration, it thanked social partners and citizens. It called on

■ End of term

South Africans to remain resolute in building a prosperous country. Cabinet expressed its appreciation to Parliament and the Judiciary for upholding constitutional values and holding the Executive to

account in the interest of

a better life for citizens

• It also expressed its appreciation to South Africa's partners in the SADC; AU; Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa; Group of 20 (G20), UN and other formations, for standing by South Africa to improve conditions

in the country, and for

working with it in pursuit

of a better South Africa, a better Africa and a better Cabinet paid homage to the members of the National Executive who passed on during this fifth Collins Chabane and

administration, Ministers Edna Molewa, as well as leaders in other spheres of government who had served the country with distinction and advanced the interests of South Africa domestically and

• When: 13 April 2019.

## Industrial Revolution (4IR)

• Where: Ntabankulu

administration, a total of 59 new courts would have been built since 1994,

The evaluations seek to

strengthen the Public

as the local seat of the

Second Annual Youth Walk into Economic **Opportunities Exposition** 

Telecommunications and Postal Services in collaboration with other government departments, SOCs and stakeholders - will conduct the Second Annual Youth Walk into **Economic Opportunities** 

exceeding the government target of building at least

• The Ministry of Communications,

High Court. By the end of the fifth

two courts per year.

Exposition.

Local Municipality in the Alfred Nzo District in the Eastern Cape The freedom youth walk, in commemoration of 25 years of freedom

> aims to expose youth unemployed and entrepreneurs into an array of academic, career and business opportunities available

in the public and private

## 2019 National General Elections When: 8 May 2019.

approaches its sixth democratic elections Cabinet calls on all eligible voters to exercise their

As the country

voters is central to a well-functioning democracy and through regular elections, citizens can elect their representatives and hold them to account. Cabinet calls on the Independent Electoral

constitutional right

The participation of

to cast their vote.

Commission, public representatives and the public during the Election Day to act in a manner that will ensure free and fair elections. Our lawenforcement agencies will act decisively against anyone found to intimidate, incite or perpetrate violent acts during the elections.



# **GET READY TO VOTE**

08 MAY 2019 | 7AM - 9PM NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

# 4. MESSAGES

■ Condolences Cabinet has expressed its condolences to the: family and friends

of African National Congress Chief Whip, Mr Jackson Mthembu whose daughter Khwezi

died, at the age of 25.

government and people

of **New Zealand** who

lost their loved ones during the deadly terrorist attack at Christ Church. government and people

renowned dermatologist

Together we move South Africa forward

Indonesia following the flash floods. South Africa and Indonesia are the only countries in Africa and Southeast Asia respectively that are members of the G20, both countries co-chair the New Africa-Asia Strategic Partnership.

**■** Congratulations Cabinet congratulates: Professor Ncoza **Dlova**, an internationally

hair loss amongst women of African descent. Professor

Dlova's passion for education has led to the compilation of a local textbook on common skin conditions that is aimed at all medical students in the country

as well as educational

pamphlets and video

KwaZulu-Natal, who

gene that is a major

cause of permanent

helped discover a new

patients about their skin conditions

 the national football team, **Bafana Bafana** on their qualification for the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations. The team joins the other four South African teams - Banyana Banyana; Cricket; Rugby and Amajita, who also qualified in their respective qualifying matches. Cabinet also calls on South Africans to support the national

#SendMe

tournament. It also commends the support provided by the UN on the Caster Semenya case at the International Association of Athletics Federations.

Ms Phumla Williams **Acting Cabinet Spokesperson** Mobile: 083 501 0139 www.gcis.gov.za www.gov.za

**Enquiries:** 



government

communications

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Government Communication and Information System

# TEMP METO BUILD THE MZANSI I WANT





#ThumaMina