STATEMENT ON CABINET MEETING 01 MARCH 2017

1.1 2017 National Budget

• The budget - central role in transformation by promoting redistribution and directing scarce resources towards catalytic investments in human and physical capital Growth without transformation would only reinforce the inequitable patterns from the past.

IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES

- Central to spending programmes includes redistribution in support of:
- - Education, ■ Health services
 - Municipal functions in rural areas
 - Procurement reforms continue to improve:
 - Effectiveness of public spending
 - Opening opportunities for small business participation.





Aid Scheme (NSFAS) • 300 000 new and returning

1.2 National Student Financial

- students to study at universities and technical
- and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges.



• R15 billion to assist in alleviating the financial burden for financially needy



1.3 Operation Phakisa for

Agriculture, Land Reform

derived from Malaysia's Big Fast Results methodology

- forms part of our Nine Point

Plan Implementation toolkit.

prescribed by the National

Development Plan (NDP).

fostering job creation.

■ Stimulating economic growth,

and Rural Development · Operation Phakisa -

· Seeks to achieve:

■ Inclusive growth, as

economic development and/ or agrarian transformation 1.4 Tourist Arrivals Over 10 million tourist

■ Equitable access to land for

value chain.

promote tourism so that it may

- arrivals were recorded in 2016 · Continue to develop and
- benefit local communities through jobs and infrastructure development. 1.5 Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC)

· South Africa to host GEC. Date 13 and 16 March 2017 in

- Johannesburg. First time hosted in Africa
- Opportunity for South
- Africa and the rest of the continent to showcase its entrepreneurial competency to the world.

1.6 Competition **Commission investigation** into alleged Foreign

- **Exchange Collusion**
- Competition Tribunal Cabinet awaits the conclusion of the
- proceedings, including its findings and decision on the appropriate

CALL TO ALL: Conserve water to ensure sustainability of future supply.

outcome of the competition tribunal

1.7 National Water Month -March

- Theme: "Human Rights for Water and Sanitation"
- · World Water Day ■ Date: 22 March 2017

proceedings.

■ Transforming the agricultural

<u>to</u> assist students

Level Panel on Water Action Plan member) will open the event Event: Launch of the World Water Development Report

Opening: President Jacob

Zuma (United Nations High

- 2017 on wastewater and related activities. ■ Host: United Nations
- **Educational Scientific** and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

· Progress made in distributing

1.8 Drought

- animal feed to support farmers in the country's drought affected areas was welcomed. R 198 million - Provinces
- made available through equitable funding. Funds from Prevention and Mitigation of Disaster Risk Programme were used to drill boreholes and construct fire breaks.

1.14 Human Rights Month

· Western Cape - To further

curb excessive water use,

Sanitation has informed the agricultural sector of 10% additional water restrictions. The water restrictions will remain until the dams fill up to 85% of their capacity.

Call on communities to remain vigilant of flash

1.9 Rains

monitoring the situation and are ready to act where necessary.

flooding - Government and its agencies are actively

• Theme: "The Year of OR Tambo: Unity in Action in Advancing Human

Jacob Zuma will deliver his annual address The official opening of the

• 3 March 2017 - President

Traditional Leaders

house will also celebrate 20 years since it was constituted

1.11 SADC Extraordinary **Summit** Date: 18 March 2017

Who? President Jacob Zuma with a South African government

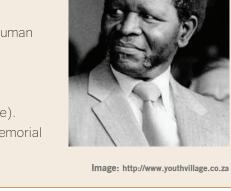
- the Department of Water and delegation Where? Kingdom of Swaziland. · SADC - primary vehicle for
 - South Africa's foreign policy to achieve regional development and integration within our region.
 - South Africa to host next SADC ordinary summit in August 2017

1.12 Indonesia

- · Official State Visit to Indonesia by President Jacob Zuma
- Leadership summit of Indian Ocean RIM Association
- Date: 8 March 2017 -
- (IORA)
- Date: 6 7 March 2017
- Host: President Joko Widodo of Indonesia

o Highlight: South Africa will be handed the chairship of IORA.

- South Africans are encouraged to pay tribute to those who sacrificed in our struggle for freedom to ensure we enjoy human
- Human Rights Day ■ Date: 21 March 2017 -
 - Celebrations: Ginsberg, King William's Town (Eastern Cape).
 - Event: President Jacob Zuma will officially handover the memorial grave site of Steve Bantu Biko to the Biko-family.



and failed to comply with

provision of firearms

control act.

2. CABINET DECISIONS study different Australian

2.1 Draft Mine Water **Management Policy**



- Provides the basis for holding parties potentially liable for negative effects and damages of Acid Mine Drainage related pollution and/or any other negative impacts that can be
- Also proposes mechanisms that mining houses should explore to better manage their water.

related to it.

2.2 Progress report of the Inter-Ministerial **Committee for Revitalisation** of Distressed Mining

Communities (Benchmarking study from Australian Mining Industry 24-28 August 2015). The study compares policy and legislative frameworks governing mining sectors.

Compared practices of mining companies in Australia, Chile, South Africa and Zambia.

Progress:

government and mining in delivering decent houses and living conditions for mine workers and community members. A review of mining

Partnership between

- companies' infrastructure for infrastructure partnership possibilities. Development of mining
- towns-spatial transformation plans finalised for 5 municipalities.
- communities. ■ Fast tracking increase access to medical assessments for

Mineral Resources - to

■ Emphasis on advancement of

agriculture sector in mining

- ex-mineworkers, community members and current
- mineworkers. Department of Labour and

commune South Africans migrant home more frequently. • Department of Health to work closely with Department

commuting models to

of Mineral Resources and other partners in dealing with occupational diseases.

2.3 Evaluation on impact

of the provision of state

subsidised housing

· Improvement Plan approved based on findings and recommendations. Over 3 million houses have

been provided through



through capital

subsidy

programme. ■ 2.8 million of the houses are delivered through capital

government housing

- subsidy which confers individual ownership of a free standing house to a
- household earning less than R 3500 per month. 2.4 Implementation **Evaluation of Funza Lushaka Bursary Programme** · Report was approved

as well as Management

from Department of Basic

Education.

Response and Improvement

Retainment of the Programme

increase the supply of competent teachers

established in 2007 to

political, economic and social context. 2.5 Disability Index Framework. Disability

Inequality Index is approved

specialising in priority areas.

the design of the Programme

· Empirical evidence indicate

is relevant in terms of

and Government-wide disaggregation of all data sets in terms of gender, disability and age is supported. · It's a key tool for tracking

gap between persons with

disabilities and persons

without disabilities and provides strategic high level quick scan on measurement of inequality gap. 2.6 Policy for Social Service Practitioners, 2016.

overarching outcome is the delivery of responsive and

Approved and the

quality developmental social service practitioners. 2.7 The Directive on the **Determination of other**

Categories of Designated **Employees** Approved and requires designated employees to disclose their financial

interests which will be

effective from 1 April 2017.

2.8 South Africa's Phase 3 written follow-up **Country Report regarding** implementation of OECD **Convention on Combating Bribery and Foreign Public** Officials in International **Business Transactions (Anti-**

Bribery Convention) was

approved.

• The report outlines efforts

of Government to detect,

to be positioned with security system of the state so that it contributes to national

Approved for the department

reposition the Department of

investigate and

bribery cases.

Home Affairs

2016/2017.

SAPS

prosecute foreign

2.9 Business Case to

- security and is able to protect its people, systems and data. 2.10 National Crime Statistics Report for the trimester of
- The quarterly release enable government to monitor key targets, particular reduction of reported serious crimes. 2.11 Amnesty in terms of

Approved to be released by

• Minister of Police's intention to declare amnesty for a period of six months from 1

Firearms Control Act, 2000

(Act No 60 of 2000)

- April to 30 September 2017. • The amnesty will reduce the circulation of illegal possessed firearms which
- will result in a reduction of contact crimes. • The amnesty will focuses
- on holding of firearms or ammunition in South Africa: (i) Persons in possessions of illegal firearm or ammunition in circulation, including those
- (ii)Persons who inherited firearms or ammunition

• The bill will improve the

state ability to monitor and

the constitutional directive

to ensure land tenure and

intent of taking measures to

redress results of past racial

related reforms with the

3.7 Property Practitioners

· Approved for public

discrimination.

Bill, 2016

evaluate its compliance with

involved in one or more

criminal activities.

2.12 National Antigangsterism Strategy · Approved to address gangsterism in all its

manifestations by of all government approach. This aligned plan ensures

that people living in South

Africa feel safe at home,

Schools and work, and

enjoy community life free

- of fear. 2.13 South Africa's 3rd cycle Universal Periodic Review Country Report
- Report was approved to be presented for review by Universal Periodic Review Group at United Nations (UN) Human Rights

Council in May 2017.

The reports reflects on:

■ Progress made by South Africa in realising the human rights and fundamental freedom contained in the

constitution.

2.14 1st Quadrennial Country Report on the 2005 Convention on the **Protection and Promotion** of the Diversity of **Cultural Expressions:**

· Approved as submitted. • Success indicators are the adoption of four

complimentary strategies:

(i) Mzansi Golden Economy

Strategy (ii) Social Cohesion Strategy (iii)National Development Plan and the New Growth

Path Strategy

63 of 2000).

No.63 2000)

• The Bill amends the

• It addresses human

(iv)fully established Department of Arts and Culture agencies with Boards.

Disclosure Act, 2000 (Act No.

Home Loan and Mortgage

Disclosure Act, 2000 (Act

settlements challenges

3.9 Traditional Leadership

and Governance Framework

· Approved for public comment

Leadership and Governance

Framework Act, 2003 (Act

establishment of kingship

and queenship councils;

and disestablishment of

community authorities.

identified in National

Development Plan.

Amendment Bill, 2016

• Amends the Traditional

3. BILLS

(NAPHISA) • NAPHISA was approved for tabling in Parliament. · NAPHISA aims to provide

diseases and injury

surveillance, research,

integrated and coordinated

3.1 National Public Health

Institutes of South Africa Bill

monitoring and evaluation of services and intervention directed towards the major public health problems. 3.2 National Health **Laboratory Service** Amendment Bill (NHLSA)

• NHLSA was approved and to

it amends National Health

be tabled in parliament and

- Laboratory Service Act, 2000 (Act No 37 of 2000) · The amendments seek to improve
- o accountability and o financial sustainability of National Health Laboratory Services.

3.3 Older Persons

13 of 2006.

o governance,

- Amendment Bill, 2016 · To be published for public comments. · Amends Older Person's Act
- The amendments make specific reference to protection and compliance measures which will
- contribute in provide a safe and protective environment for older persons. This will ensure that older
- 4.1 Tensions between South Africans and Foreign **Nationals** · Cabinet joins President Jacob



Publication was approved for public comments. · Amends the Fund

Raising Act, 1978

The Bill streamlines

disasters and allows

for the deployment

and developmental

strategies through

of risk mitigation

responses to

3.4 Fund Raising

2016

Amendments Bill,

consolidated of existing funds including their respective assets and liabilities into one National Social Development and Relief Fund.

Management Laws Amendment Bill, 2016 · Submission to Parliament was approved. · Amends the National Environmental Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

and a number of Specific

Environmental Management

Draft Regulation

of Agricultural Land Holdings

Bill, 2017

This will strengthen the integrated environment management, one environmental management system, compliance and enforcement measures, biodiversity and conservation,

air quality management,

waste management

and integrated coastal

Acts.

- management. 3.6 Draft Regulation of **Agricultural Land Holdings** Bill, 2017 · Approved for public comment.

comment. · The bill repeals the current Estate Agency Affairs Act, 1976 (Act No. 112 of 1976) • It addresses the need to enhance compliance and enforcement, as well as to ensure transformation in the

property practitioners.

3.8 Home Loan and Mortgage

Disclosure Amendment Bill,

· Approved for public

2016

and Mortgage

Amends the Home Loan

No. 41 of 2003). · The aim is to ensure proper reconstitution of tribal authorities as sector and to regulate the conduct and behaviour of traditional councils;





of National

tensions between some South Africans and foreign nationals.

in Tshwane is unacceptable and has no place in our democracy

4.2 Concerns of contracted

Zuma's call for restraint amid

· Violence which accompanied recent community protests

- the coal trucking industry to address issues. Government must act
- continue to deploy coal
- 4. ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Concerns of contracted coal transporters 4.4 5th Armed Forces Day Celebrations honoured. · Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force President

technical information and control and control options

CONGRATULATIONS 6.1 **Airports Company South Africa** - ranked within top 10 companies which manage most punctual airports in the world. 6.2 **OR Tambo International Airport** achieved 8th place in large airport category,



Cape Town International Airport ranked 6th in the medium airport category and King

to emergency services for their quick response in assisting the injured.

responsible emergency

chemicals.

registration of agricultural

The Department initiated

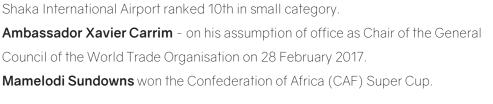
a pest action group, which

energy supply. 2016 Integrated Resource Plan - South Africa will

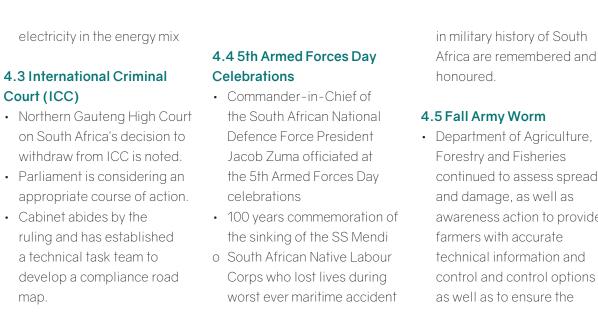
- 5. CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY
- 5.1 **Judge Essa Moosa**, retired judge of Western Cape High Court in 2011 and founding member of National Association of Democratic Lawyers. 5.2 The three South African Navy members and 3 construction workers from the Department of Public Works - who died while
- and first woman novelist. Mme Tladi was awarded the order of Ikhamanga. 5.5 Those who lost loved ones during the flooding in Kanana, North West.
- Boksburg on Saturday. 5.7 **Collen Monde Mkunqwana**, late struggle veteran, former Robben Island prisoner and descendent of Makhanda Nxele, a warrior who led the attack against the British in Grahamstown, - President Jacob

5.6 The country's thoughts and prayers are with the family of young

meets regularly to evaluate progress and the results. 4.6 Trains Collision · Commuters who were injured continued to assess spread when two trains collided at Rosslyn train station north of awareness action to provide Pretoria are wished a speedy recovery. Gratitude conveyed













coal transporters Government is open to constructive engagement with the legitimate leaders of responsibly in its energy planning to ensure sustainable and affordable

- Cabinet conveys condolences to the family and friends of:
- working in a sewer pit at Naval Base in Durban. 5.3 The 7 people who died in Multi-vehicle accident on R34 between Vryheid and Dundee. 5.4 **Mirriam Tladi** - South Africa's mother of literature
- Richard Thole who allegedly fell down an abandoned mine shaft in Zuma declared a special provincial official funeral