

Cabinet Statement

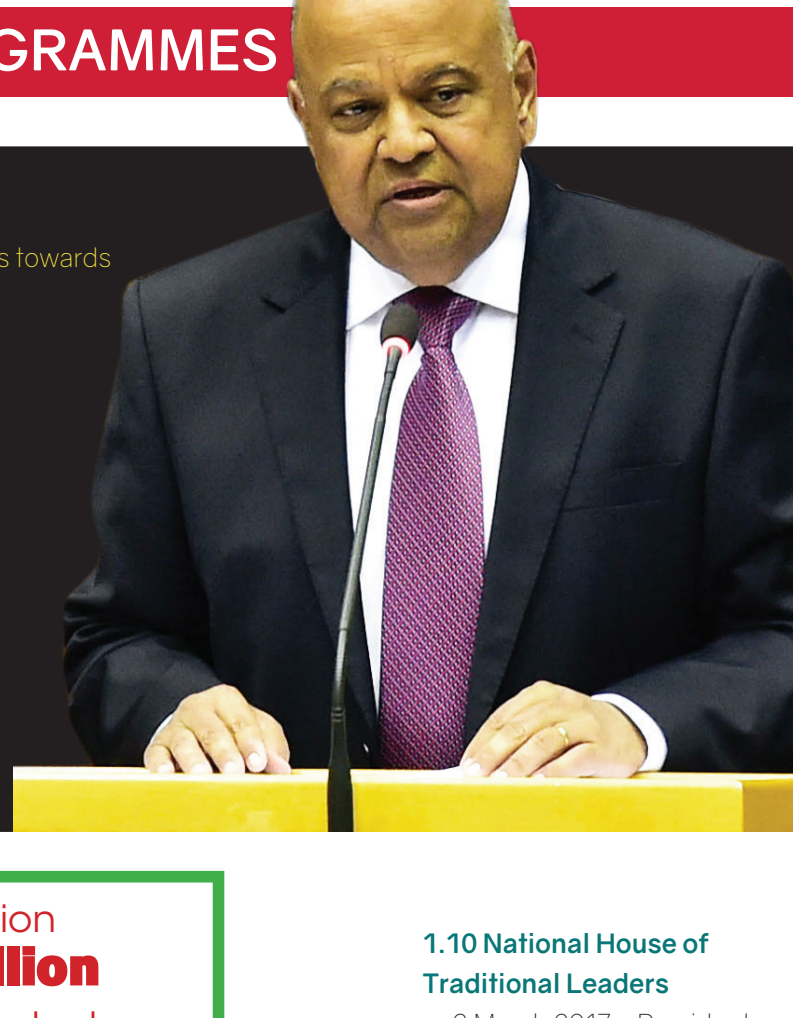
STATEMENT ON CABINET MEETING

01 MARCH 2017

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES

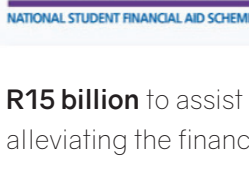
1.1 2017 National Budget

- 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.
- 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.



1.2 National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

- 300 000 new and returning 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 and missing middle students.

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- Equitable access to land for economic development and/or agrarian transformation

1.4 Tourist Arrivals

- Over 10 million tourist arrivals were recorded in 2016
- Continue to develop and promote tourism so that it may 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 sanction

1.7 National Water Month – March

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

1.8 Drought

- Progress made in distributing 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.

- Opening: President Jacob Zuma (United Nations High Level Panel on Water Action Plan member) will open the event

- Launch of the World Water Development Report 2017 on wastewater and related activities.

- Host: United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

- Western Cape – To further curb excessive water use, the Department of Water and

- 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 flooding – Government and its agencies are actively monitoring the situation and are ready to act where necessary.

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