

The National Anthem

Nkosi sikelel' i Afrika
 (God bless Africa)
 Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
 (Raise high her glory)
 Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
 (Hear our prayers)
 Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.
 (God bless us, we her children)

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
 (God protect our nation)
 O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
 (End all wars and tribulations)
 O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
 (Protect us, protect our nation)
 Setjhaba sa South Afrika – South Afrika.
 (Our nation South Africa – South Africa)

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
 (Ringing out from our blue heavens)
 Uit die diepte van ons see,
 (From the depth of our seas)
 Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
 (Over our everlasting mountains)
 Waar die kranse antwoord gee.
 (Where the echoing crags resound)

Sounds the call to come together,
 And united we shall stand,
 Let us live and strive for freedom,
 In South Africa our land.

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FOREWORD

It is an honour to present South Africans and the international community with the *Official Guide to South Africa 2018/19*.

This volume provides inspiring reminders of and insightful data on a year marked by renewal and the collective effort of South Africans and our partners globally to move our country further forward.

Our nation dedicated 2018 to the centenary of Struggle stalwarts former President Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu.

Our observance of this centenary year was born out of our recognition of these exceptional leaders' contribution in our past as well as our belief that the values they held dear will stand our society in good stead for centuries into the future.

Indeed, it was the values that Tata Mandela and Mama Sisulu had realised in their own lives and in the lives of the millions they led, that inspired our renewal in 2018.

Changes in the national leadership; firm actions to turn around years of corruption and flawed governance across

many public institutions and our pursuit of inclusive growth made 2018 a watershed in our recent history.

Events of national importance during this year included the Presidential Health Summit which encompassed all sectors of society and the Jobs Summit where social partners adopted measures to create more jobs, prevent job losses, provide more investment in black-owned enterprises and support companies in distress.

Equally significant were the South Africa Investment Conference and an inaugural Africa Investment Forum which respectively saw South African and global enterprises committing and recommitting themselves to growing our economy, and investors stepping up to reshape the fortunes of the African continent.

An economic stimulus and recovery plan containing a range of measures to ignite economic activity, restore investor confidence and create new jobs paved the way for the investment forums. The stimulus and recovery plan included measures to address challenges in education and healthcare, and improve municipal social infrastructure.

This *Official Guide to South Africa* revisits 12 months in which South Africans from all walks of life recorded extraordinary achievements within our national borders and in the international arena.

It should inspire all readers and users to contribute to South Africa's growth and renewal in ways that will ensure that the story we will tell in official guides to come will be even more inspiring and compelling.

We must be part of the change we want to see in South Africa, by uniting to build a society founded on the principles of justice, equality and prosperity for all.



His Excellency Cyril M. Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa
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