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Foreword

At the start of the new century South Africa faces enormous challenges. As we consolidate our newly won democracy and eradicate apartheid's legacy of racism and poverty, we must also integrate into the world economy in a way that reaps benefits from globalisation and avoids dangers.

Since the dawn of democracy in 1994, government has made steady progress in implementing its mandate to create a better life for all South Africans.

Government's programme of action for the current year is focused on sustaining and speeding up that progress.

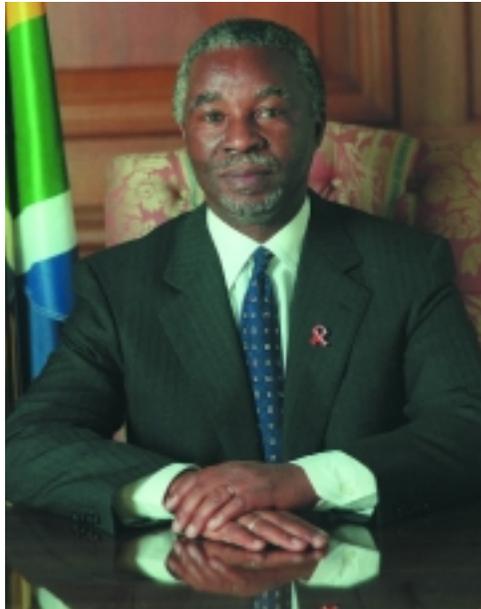
This means building a nation that is united in action for change, and which focuses on faster job-creating economic growth, human resource development, widening access to social services, fighting crime and corruption, and the building of international partnerships for African recovery. It also means striving for more efficient and effective governance, which includes integrating the efforts of government across departments and among all spheres of government.

The 1999 local elections gave us our first fully democratic and non-racial local councils, which will play a key role in implementing programmes for socio-economic improvement. They will work with national and provincial government to implement integrated programmes of rural development and urban renewal.

The Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Strategy is a bold medium-term plan aimed at transforming poverty-ridden rural areas into economically viable, socially stable and prosperous areas.

The Urban Renewal Strategy brings a multidisciplinary approach to urban development and a focus on areas where poverty and lack of services have created conditions conducive to crime.

As part of the continuing offensive against crime, the Police Service and other security agencies are exploring more effective policing and intelligence-gathering initiatives to sustain an environment of safety and security. They are building skills and resources, and improving integrated approaches across all departments dealing with matters of justice, to ensure that the country makes even better progress in the fight against crime. Because lasting change is possible only if people are active in bringing it about, partnership of government and the citizens is fundamental to our quest for unity in action for change.



To this end the new local councils are expected to ensure the participation of those who elected them in the development of Integrated Development Plans.

Partnership will further be promoted by the decision of Cabinet that the principle and practice of participatory and interactive governance should find greater expression in its overall Programme of Action.

The building of partnerships is also pursued in the interaction of sectors of business and labour with the Presidency through organised working groups.

Critically, unity in action for change requires that all South Africans reach out to one another to eradicate the racism that derives from our past and which still permeates our society.

South Africa felt honoured that its own experience in turning from centuries of racial division and conflict to the building of peace, democracy and national unity, encouraged the United Nations to entrust it with the hosting of the Third World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

In consolidating the international community's efforts to eradicate this terrible blight that still afflicts many of the world's nations and peoples, the Conference also strengthened Africa's determination to bring about the continent's renewal in partnership with the industrialised world.

South Africa is firmly committed to playing its part in moving the African continent towards prosperity through the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

As we progress into the African century, we remain focused on our path of sustainable growth and development and the eradication of poverty, in our country, on our continent, and throughout particularly the developing world.

Our country is making significant progress in building a better life for all South Africans – but much still needs to be done. While many people's lives have tangibly improved, too many South Africans remain desperately poor.

To complete our programme of reconstruction and development, we must build on the progress recorded in this volume. We must ensure that we become one united nation in which the opportunities offered by freedom are enjoyed by all who live in our country.



President Thabo Mbeki
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Progress since 1994 in social infrastructure and services

 Water			
Proportion of households having access to clean water	Oct. 95	Oct. 99	
	78.5%	83.4%	
People gaining access through the community programme	1996-1999	Since 1999	1996-mid 2001
	3.5m	3.2m	6.7m
 Electricity			
Proportion of households using electricity for lighting	Oct. 95	Oct. 99	
	63.5%	69.8%	
Electricity grid connections	1996-1999	Since 1999	1996-mid 2001
	1.8m	6m	2.4m
 Telephones			
Proportion of households with phone in the house or cellphone	Oct. 95	Oct. 99	
	29.1%	34.9%	
Telephone connections	1996-1999	Since 1999	1996-mid 2001
	1.5m	6m	3.1m
 Health Care			
Proportion of households using public health sector	Oct. 95	Oct. 99	
	68.7%	69.4%	
Proportion of households using private health sector			
	32.2%	30.6%	
 Housing			
Proportion of households in formal housing	Oct. 95	Oct. 99	
	65.8%	69.9%	
Subsidised houses built or under construction	1996-1999	Since 1999	1996-mid 2001
	.93m	.27m	1.2m
 Sanitation			
Proportion of households with chemical or flush toilets	Oct. 95	Oct. 99	
	56.9%	55.8%	
Proportion of households with pit latrines			
	29.7%	30.3%	
People receiving sanitation services from the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	1996-1999	Since 1999	1996-mid 2001
	Included in water stats.	.16m	
People receiving sanitation services from other departments			
	1.2m	1.5m	2.7m

- Compiled from the October Household Survey (OHS) and departmental reports of implementation
- In the case of each services, the first set of figures (Proportion of households), are from the OHS, as reported in the Stats SA publication *South Africa in Transition*
- Other figures are based on annual reports of implementation from departments
- Figures from OHS are for 1995 and 1999, except in the case of Health Care, which are for 1995 and 1998.