



# FACES OF GOVERNMENT



**President  
Cyril Ramaphosa**

President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa was born in Soweto on 17 November 1952. He was sworn in as President of the Republic of South Africa on 15 February 2018, after serving as Deputy President since 25 May 2014.

He completed his schooling at Mphahuli High School in Sibasa, Limpopo in 1971. He became involved in student politics at the then University of the North (now University of Limpopo) in 1972, where he joined the South African Student Organisation and the Black People's Convention.

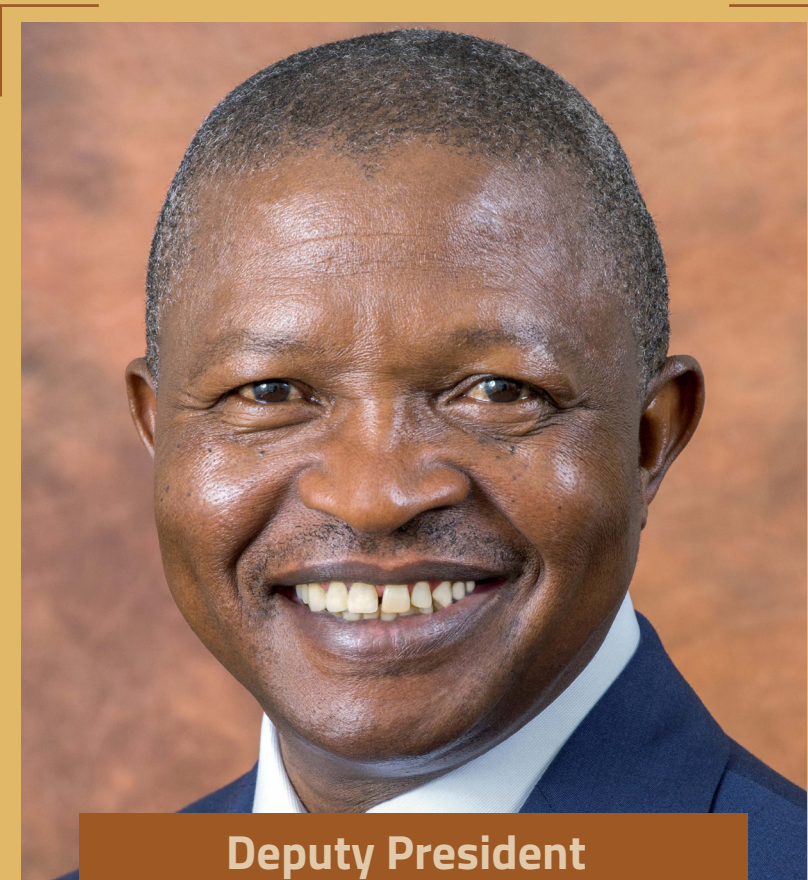
He obtained a law degree from the University of South Africa in 1981. He became the first General-Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers in 1982.

In 1991, he was elected Secretary-General of the African National Congress (ANC) and headed the team that negotiated the country's transition to democracy.

He was appointed Chairperson of the National Planning Commission on 3 June 2014, after serving as its Deputy Chairperson since 2010. In December 2012, he was elected Deputy President of the ANC.

President Ramaphosa has received several honorary doctorates from local and international universities. He was awarded the Olof Palme Prize in October 1987 in Stockholm, Sweden. He was also awarded the National Order of the Order of the Baobab in Silver in 2009 for his contribution to the multiparty negotiations and for chairing the Constitutional Assembly to draft the new Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

In 2004, he established the Shanduka Foundation, focusing on education and small business development. It has since been renamed the Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation and comprises the Adopt-a-School Foundation, Black Umbrellas and the Cyril Ramaphosa Education Trust.



**Deputy President  
David Mabuza**

Deputy President David Dabede Mabuza was born at Phola Trust in Mpumalanga on 25 August 1960. He was sworn in as Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa on 27 February 2018.

He obtained a National Teacher's Certificate from Mgwanya College of Education in 1985 and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of South Africa in 1989.

He served in various leadership roles, including as Chairperson of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union from 1988 to 1991.

He served as Mpumalanga Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Education (1994 – 1998), MEC for Housing (1999 – 2001), MEC for Roads and Transport (2007 – 2008) and MEC for Agriculture and Land Administration (2008 – 2009).

He was also Member of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature from 2004 to 2007 and Member of Parliament of South Africa from 2001 to 2014. From 2009 to 2018, he was Premier of Mpumalanga. He was appointed Deputy President of the African National Congress in 2017.

Deputy President Mabuza's passion still remains in education, where his career started as a school teacher and principal before moving to politics. In 2014, he established the DD Mabuza Foundation, which focuses on the education and social upliftment of vulnerable groups such as child-headed households, the aged and persons with disabilities.



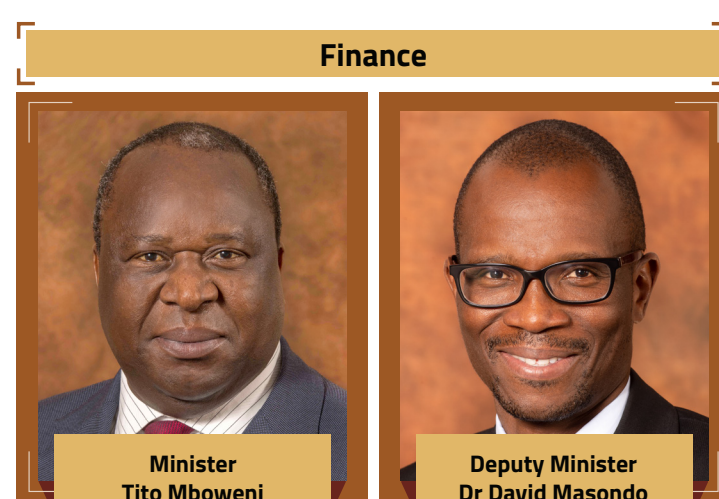
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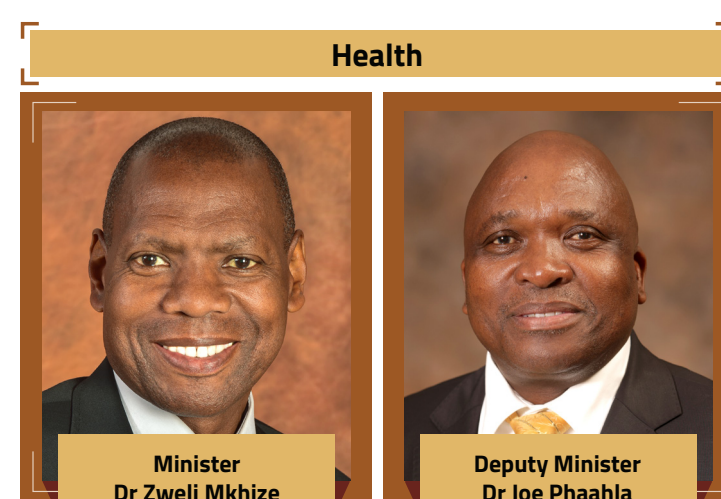
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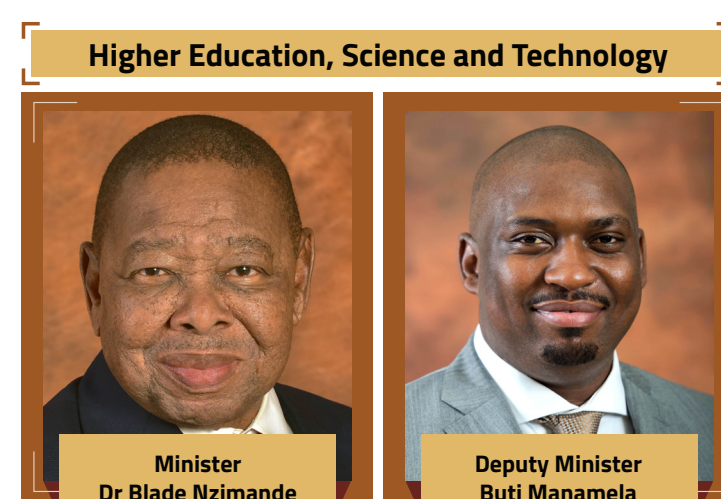
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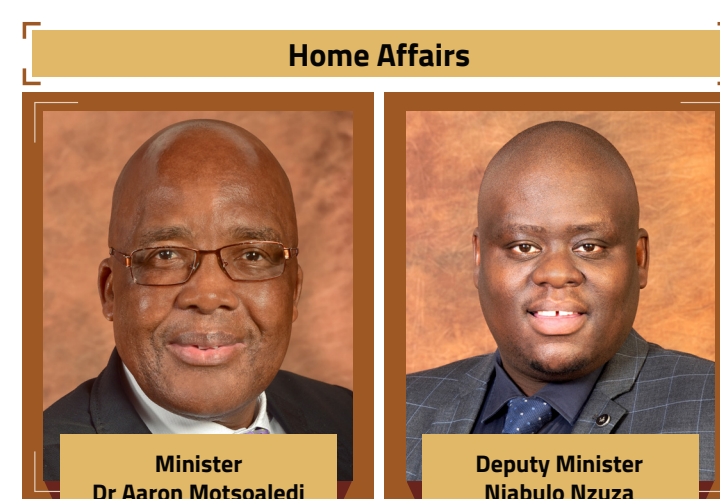
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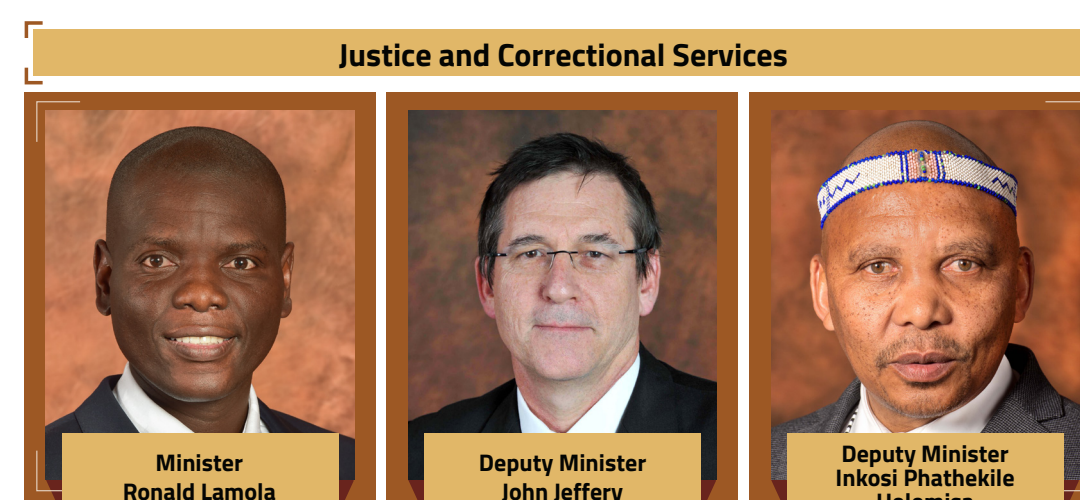
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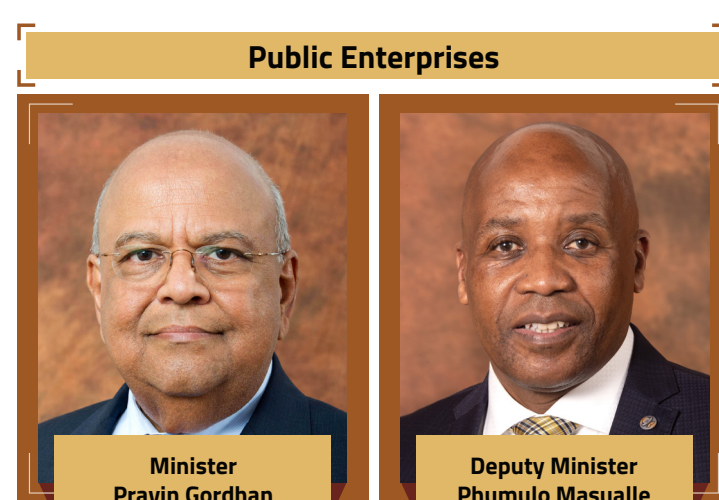
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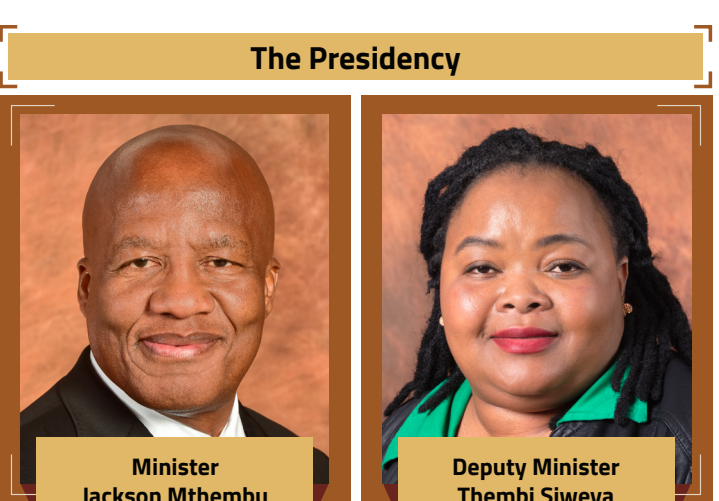
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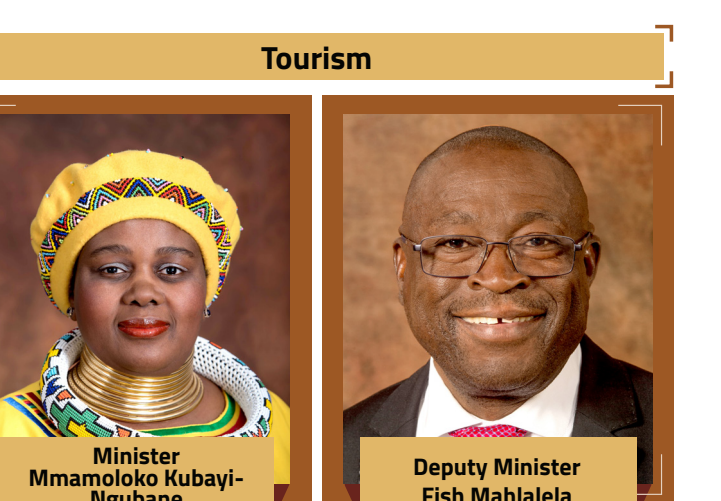
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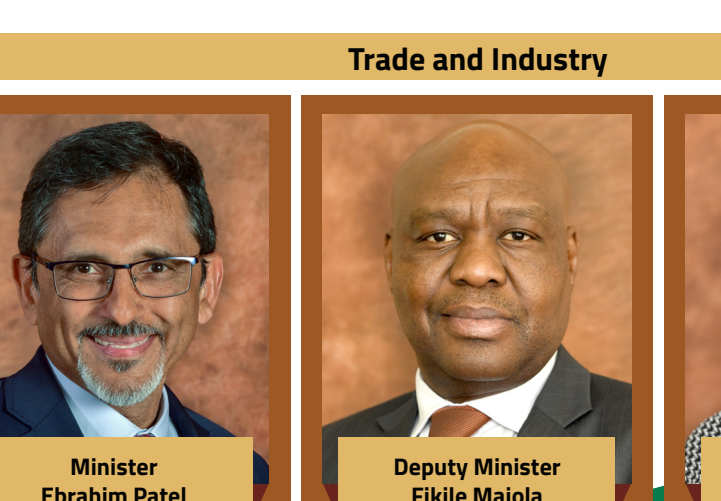
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