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## Employment is top priority

**DESPISE SLOW** economic growth government has plans to improve the lives of South Africans.

**Chris Bathembu and Ongezwa Mogotsi**

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ing private sector investment.

President Zuma said government had also identified tourism as a key job driver.

"We are thus pleased that our tourist arrival numbers for the period January to November 2016 increased to nine million, an increase of just over one million arrivals from 2015. This represents a 13 percent growth in tourist arrivals," he said.

In addition, government runs effective poverty alleviation programmes such as the EPWP.

"The EPWP has, since 2014, created more than two million work opportunities towards the attainment of the target of six million work opportunities

by the end of March 2019. Of the work opportunities created, more than one million have been taken up by the youth."

President Zuma noted that during 2015/2016, more than 61 000 work opportunities were created through Environmental Programmes such as Working for Water, Working for Wetlands, Working on Fire and Working for Ecosystems. More than 60 percent of the beneficiaries were young people.

This has led to job creation in the Northern Cape and diversification of the economy through the creation of artisan and maintenance jobs, and the promotion of science as a ca-



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reer of choice.

On road infrastructure, the South African National Roads Agency (Sanral) has started the planning phase of the R4.5 billion Moloto road upgrade.

In 2014, government launched the Operation Phakisa Big Fast results meth

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# Sekepele se setjha sa moputso o tlase wa basebetsi

## BASEBETSI BA FETANG

Amukelani Chauke

Motlatsti wa Moporesidente Cyril Ramaphosa o tsebisitse hore sekepele sa naha sa moputso o tlase se behilwe ho R20 ka hora kapa R3 500 ka kgwedi bakeng sa ba sebetsang bakeng sa dihora tse 40 ka beke.

Ba sebetsang bakeng sa dihora tse 45 ka beke moputso wa bona o tla behwa ho R3 900.

Motlatsti wa Moporesidente o itse sekepele se setjha sa moputso o tlase se tla qala ho sebetsa ka la 1 Motsheanong 2018.

"Sekepele sa naha sa moputso o tlase, e leng mokgolo o tlase o kekeng wa lefuwa mosebetsi ofe kapa ofe, se tla ntlatfatsa haholo maphelo a dimilone tsa basebetsi ba lefuwang hanyane le ho qala ho sebetsana le phephetso ya ho se lekalekane ha meputso



Dimilone tsa basebetsi ba lefuwang meputso e tlase ba tla kgola molemo ho tswa ho sekepele se setjha sa moputso o tlase.

ka hara naha ya bo rona.

"Ho thakgolweng ha sona selmong se tleng, Aforika Borwa e tla imatahanya le dinaha tse mmalwa lefatsheng ho pota tse kentseng tshebetsong sekepele sa naha sa moputso o tlase jwaloka sesebediswa sa ntshetsopele ya moruo hammoho le ya kahisano," o ile a rialo.

Motlatsti wa Moporesidente o itse balekane ba kahisano ba

emetseng mekgatlo ya basebetsi le mekgatlo ya setjhaba ka kakaretso ho Lekgotla la Naha la Ntshetsopele ya Moruo le Basebetsi (Nedlac) ba saenne ditumellano mabapi le mekgwa ya ho matlafatsa botsitso mesebetsing hammoho le ho tebisa motjha wa ditherisano tse kopanetsweng hammoho le mekgwa ya ho tsebahatsa sekepele sa naha sa moputso o tlase.

**"Ditumellano di kgutlisetsa seriti sa maAforika Borwa kaofela a futsanehileng."**

Ditumellano di bontsha kgate-lopele e kgabane "mekutung ya rona jwaloka setjhaba le batho ho sebetsana le diphephetso tsa ho se lekalekane ha meputso ka hara naha ya bo rona hammoho le ho tlisa botsitsa mmarakeng wa basebetsi".

O itse ditumellano hape di matlafatsa lebelo la ho tobana le ho se lekalekane le bofuma.

Ditumellano di kgutlisetsa seriti sa maAforika Borwa kao-fela a futsanehileng.

Motlatsti wa Moporesidente o itse basebetsi ba 6.6 milione ba phela ka moputso wa ho iphedi-sa o ka tlaa R3 500 le hore ho na

le tlhokahalo ya ho qala leeto la ho ntlatfatsa lekeno la basebetsi ba lefuwang meputso e tlase.

"Seo re se fihletseng mabapi le sekepele sa naha sa moputso o tlase ha se moputso o batho ba ka iphedisang ka ona. Sena se bopa motheo o tiileng wa ho kgannela naha ya rona pele ho lebiseng mopsongs o phedisang. Sepheo sena ke qalo fela.

Ditumellano tsena ke sephetho sa nako e ka etsang dilemo tse pedi tsa ditherisano.

"Ke karabelo ya kgoeletso e entsweng ke Moporesidente Zuma".

O itse dikhamphani tse kekeng tsa kgona sekepele sa naha sa moputso o tlase di ka etsa kopo ya ho kotelwa ho tswa mmusong.

Motlatsti wa Moporesidente hape o itse sekepele sa moputso o tlase se tla lekolwa nako le nako ho hlahloba kgahlamelo ya sona hodima mesebetsi. ▀

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## Land for all

Bathandwa Mbola

During the State of the Nation Address (SoNA), President Jacob Zuma announced that the state will increase its power to use the Expropriation Act to pursue land reform and land redistribution, in line with the Constitution.

"It will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve true reconciliation until the land question is resolved.

"Only eight million hectares of arable land have been transferred to black people, which is only 9.8 percent of the 82 million hectares of arable land in South Africa.

"There has also been

a 19 percent decline in households involved in agriculture from 2.9 million in 2011 to 2.3 million households in 2016."

Since 1994, government has transferred millions of hectares of land back to blacks who were removed from their ancestral land, but some people feel that the pace of redistribution has not been fast enough.

President Zuma said that going forward government will continue to implement other programmes such as the Strengthening of Relatives Rights programme, also known as the 50-50 programme.

In this programme, farm workers join together as a legal entity and together with the farm owner estab-



### FAST FACT

**The year 2017 has been declared the Year of Oliver Reginald Tambo who would have turned 100 years this year.**

currently settled through financial compensation which does not help the process at all.

"It perpetuates dispossession. It also undermines economic empowerment," he said.

The President called on South Africans to unite to move the country forward.

"It is the year of unity in action by all South Africans as we move South Africa forward together," the President said. ▀



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# Re fetola maphelo, re sireletsa badudi

## Parapara Makgahlela

**L**enaneo la *Working on Fire* ke boikitlaetso ba Lefapha la Merero ya Tikolohlo ba ho fetola maphelo, haholoholo ka hara metse e fumanehileng.

Ka selemo sa 2003 Lefapha le ile la thakgola lenaneo lena ho hlaha mesebetsi le ho ntshetsapele maitsebelo hara batjha ba metse e tinngweng menyetla. Maphelo a mangata a fetotswe esale ho tloha ka nako eo.

Lenaneo la *Working on Fire* le na le dikampo tse 200 le batimamollo ba 5 000 ho phatlalla le Aforika Borwa. Lenaneo lena le na le 60% ya banna, 40% ya basadi ba batimamollo mme batho ba phelang ka boqhwala ba etsa 4% ya bankakarolo.

Hang ha ba thaothilwe, bankakarolo ba romelwa Nelspruit bakeng sa lenaneo la thupello la matsatsi a 25 bakeng sa hlajwa malotsana ka mosebetsi wa bona le thupello e tswetseng pele ya twantsho ya mello ya hlaha le meru.

Ba rupelletswe jwaloka batimamollo ho thusa ho Iwantsha mello ya hlaha le meru.

Ha ho na le dikgeo tsa mosebetsi, dipapatso tsa mesebetsi ena di pepeswa dibakeng tsa setjhaba moo dihlopha tsena di sebetsang.

Hore o nkuwe bakeng sa lenaneo batho ba lokela ho:

- ba baahi ba Aforika Borwa
- atleha ditekong tsa mmole o kwenneng nakong ya ho thaothwa
- dula metseng eo dipapatso di hlahisitsweng teng. □



Lenaneo la *Working on Fire*, le thuswang ka matole ke Lefapha la Merero ya Tikolohlo mme e le Lenaneo la Katoloso ya Mesebetsi ya Setjhaba, le reretswe ho fana ka menyetla ho bahlankana le barwetsana.

## Parapara Makgahlela

**B**oikitlaetso ba thupello ya teko ba *Working on Fire* bo thakgotswe ka selemo sa 2015. Thupello e hohela batimamollo ho tswa lenaneong la *Working on Fire* ba nang le mangolo a materiki mme ba atlehole dithutonga Senyesemane, Dipalo le Fizikhale Saense mme ba na le lerato la bofofisi.

Ha boikitlaetso bo ne bo qala bo ne bo na le barutwana ba

## Working on Fire e ntshetsapele maitsebelo

### "Ke lakatsa ho ba mofofisi wa pele ya nang le mangolo wa lekeishene la heso."

babedi ba batimamollo ba ileng Mokgatlong wa Thupello ya Bofofisi wa Kishugu ho la Nelspruit.

E mong wa bankakarolo, Donald Malekuto ya dilemo di 22

ho tswa lekeisheneng la Mohale ho la Magaliesberg, o thupellong ya ho fumana laesense ya seporofeshenale ya bofofisi ka Mokgatlo wa Thupello ya Bofofisi wa Kishugu ho la Nelspruit.

"Ke lakatsa ho ba mofofisi wa pele ya nang le mangolo wa lekeishene la heso. Nkeke ka senya monyetla ona wa bohlokwa oo ke o fuweng wa ho rupellwa jwaloka mofofisi," o ile a rialo.

Donald ha a qale ho ba mofofisi mme o rupelletswe jwaloka mofofisi wa difofane tse nyenyane ho la Magaliesberg.

O itse o bile o leboha ho feta ha e le mona a fumana thupello e pharaletseng ya bofofisi mahala.

"Ke sokotse ho phethela thupello ya ho ba mofofisi wa difofane tse nyenyane ka mabaka a ho hloka tjhelete. Ke leboha Mokgatlo wa Thupello

ya Bofofisi bakeng sa thupello ena," o ile a rialo.

Molaodi Kakaretso wa lenaneo la *Working on Fire* ka Gauteng Stephen Boyes o itse boikitlaetso bona ke bo kgabane bakeng sa ntshetsopele ya maitsebelo. □

**Ha o batla ho tseba haholwanyane ka lenaneo la Working on Fire etela: [www.workingonfire.org](http://www.workingonfire.org) kapa imeilela: parapara.makgahlela@wofire.co.za kapa letsetsa: 011 314 0254.**

**T**he African Union Commissioner (AUC) and New Zealand recently launched the 2017 edition of the African Union Handbook.

The African Union Handbook was first launched in 2014 as part of an ongoing collaboration between the AUC and the Republic of New Zealand.

The African Union Handbook aims to provide updated information to Member States and the public at large about the purpose, structure and key facts about the AU organisation.

This is in line with the AUC mission towards becoming a people centred union and the Agenda 2063 Communication strategy to generate public awareness, involvement, ownership

rship and support for the programmes of the African Union.

While making her remarks opening remarks, AUC for Trade and Industry Fatima Haram Acyl noted that the 2017 AU handbook was one of the tools available for creating open lines of communication between the Commission and the public as relates to the implementation of AU programmes.

She further reiterated that in line with the 2017 AU theme "Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth"; the need for communication between AUC and its key stakeholders was of greater import given

the role that youth must play in creating the desired future of an Africa whose growth is inclusive and sustainable.

Ambassador of New Zealand to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the African Union, Bruce Shepherd, remarked on the continued good relationship between the AUC and New Zealand.

He expressed his gratitude for the support accorded by the AU and its Member States during New Zealand's two-year term in the UN Security Council. He reiterated New Zealand's commitment to international peace and security and support for the AU initiative for Sile-

ncing the Guns by 2020.

He also noted the extensive relations between the AU and New Zealand on matters related to renewable energy and in particular, geothermal energy.

The Ambassador also announced that New Zealand would be offering 38 new tertiary scholarships to various AU member states in 2017 as a sign

of the continued commitment to support youth and education in the continent and in line with the AU theme for 2017

The African Union Handbook 2017 is available from the Directorate of Information and Communications in the AU Commission; and a PDF version can be downloaded from the African Union ([www.au.int](http://www.au.int)) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ([www.mfat.govt.nz](http://www.mfat.govt.nz)) websites. □

## African Union Handbook launched

**Correction:** In February Edition 2 of Vuk'uzenzele a comment on the State of the Nation Address was erroneously attributed to Ms Sibongile Boo (pictured). Ms Boo's correct comment can be viewed on: [www.vukuzenzele.gov.za](http://www.vukuzenzele.gov.za) or on the Vuk mobile App. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.