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Employment is top priority

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

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DID YOU KNOW?

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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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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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Iholo eliphansi elisha labasebenzi

BANGAPHEZU KWEZIGIDI EZIYISITHUPHA abasebenzi abasethubeni lokuhlomula eholweni likazweloneke eliphansi elisha.

Amukelani Chauke

IPhini LikaMongameli uCyril Ramaphosa ume-mezele ukuthi iholo likazweloneke eliphansi linquenywe laba ngama-R20 ngehra noma yizi-R3 500 ngenyanga kulabo abasebenza amahora anga-40 ngesonto.

Labo abasebenza amahora anga-45 bazonyuselwa iholo labo eliphansi libe yizi-R3 900.

IPhini LikaMongameli lithe iholo eliphansi elisha lizoqala ukusebenza mhla lu-1 kuNhlaba 2018.

"Iholo likazweloneke eliphansi, neliwumkhawulo okungekho musebenzi ozokhokhelwa ngaphansi kwavo, lizokwenza ngcono kakhulu izigidi zezimpi-lo zabasebenzi abahola iholo eliphansi futhi liqale nokuxaz- ulula inselelo yokungalingani ngokwemiholo ezweni lethu."

"Ekuqaleni kokusebenza kwalo ngingonyaka ozayo, iNingizimu



Izigidi zabasebenzi abahola kancane bazohlomula ngeholo eliphansi elisha.

Afrika izojoyina amazwe amani- ngana emhlabeni jikelele aqale ukusebenzia iholo likazweloneke eliphansi njengethulazi lokuthukiswa komnotho kanye nenhlakahle," kusho yena.

IPhini LikaMongameli lithe okubanjiswene nabo kwezen- nhlakahle abamele abase- benzi kanye nezinhlango

zomphakathi Emkhandlwini Kazwelone Wokuthuthukiswa Komnotho Nabasebenzi (i-Ne- dlac) basayne izivumelwano zezinyathelo zokuqinisa uzinzo lwabasebenzi kanye nokugxilisa uhlelo lokuxoxisana ngamaho- lo, kanye nezindlela zokwethula iholo likazweloneke eliphansi. Izivumelwano zimele inqu-

bekelaphambili ebonakalayo "emizamweni yethu njengesi- zwe futhi njengabantu ukuxa- zulula izinselelo zokungali- ngani ngokwemiholo ezweni lethu kanye nokuletha uzinzo emakethe yezabasebenzi".

Uthe izivumelwano zizophinda zifake umdladla wokubhekana nokungalingani kanye nobubha.

Lezi zivumelwano zibuyisa isithunzi sabo bonke abantu baseNingizimu Afrika abahlwempu.

IPhini LikaMongameli lithe abasebenzi abayizigidi ezi-6.6 baphila ngeholo lokuphila eli- ngaphansi kwezi-R3 500 futhi

kunesidingo sokuthi kuqalwe ukwenziwa ngcono kweholo labasebenzi abahola kancane kunabo bonke.

"Esivumelane ngakho mayelana nehola likazweloneke eliphansi wukuthi akulona iholo lokuphila. Lokhu kwakha isisekelo esiqinile sokuthi siqhubezele izwe lethu phambili libe nehola lokuphila. Lesi yisqalo. Lezi zivumelwano ziwumphu- mela weminyaka ecishe ifinyele- le kwembili yokuxoxisana.

"Ziyimpendulo ekhweleni elahlatshwa nguMongameli uZuma".

Uthe izinkampani ezingenawo amandla okukhokha iholo likazweloneke eliphansi zingafaka isicelo kuhulumeni sokuthi zingalikhokhi.

IPhini LikaMongameli liphi- nde lathi iholo eliphansi lizo- buyekezwa njalo ngokuhamba kwasikhathi ukuhlola umthelela walo emathubeni emisebenzi. ▶

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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.

lish a new company as being joint owners.

President Zuma renewed the call for land claimants to accept land instead of financial compensation. Over 90 percent of claims are

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. ▶

Sishintsha izimpilo, sivikela imiphakathi

Parapara Makgahlela

Uhlelo olubizwa nge-Working on Fire wuhlelo loMnyango Wezemvelo lokuguqula izimpilo, ikakhulukazi zemiphakathi ehlwempu.

Ngonyaka we-2003 umnyango wathula ngoku-semtethweni lolu hlelo ukwakha amathuba emisebenzi kanye nokuthuthukisa amakhono ebantwini abasha abadabuka emiphakathini ehlwempu. Ziningi izimpilo eseziquleni kusukela lwathulwa lolu hlelo.

Uhlelo olubizwa nge-Working on Fire lunezizinda ezingama-200 kanye nezicimamlilo eziyizi-5000 ezweni lonkana iNingizimu Afrika.

Lolu hlelo lunezicimamlilo zabesilisa ezingamaphesenti angama-60, abesifazane abangamaphesenti angama-40 kanti abantu abakhubazekile benza amaphesenti a-4 alabo ababambe iqhaza. Uma sebeqashiwe, ababambe iqhaza bathunyelwa eNasipoti ohlelweni lokuqeleshwa oluyizinsuku ezingama-25 kanye nasezifundweni zoku-lwa nomlilo wasendle.

Baqeqeshelwa ukuba yizicimamlilo ukusiza ukulwa nomlilo wamadlelo nowasendle.

Njalo uma kunezikhalo zomsebenzi, izikhangiso zalo msebenzi zibekwa endaweni yomphakathi lapho kusebenzela khona lawa maqembu.

Ukwamukelwa kulolu hle-



■ Uhlelo Iwe-Working on Fire, oluxhaswe nguMnyango Wezemvelo futhi okuwllelo Lwemisebenzi Yomphakathi Olusabalele, uhllose ukuhlinzeka amathuba kwabesilisa nabesifazane abasebancane.

lo, abantu kumele babe:

- Yizakhamizi zaseNingizimu Afrika
- Baphumelele izivivinyo zokuhlolwa komzimba ngesikhathi kuqashwa
- Bahlale emiphakathini lapho kufakwe khona izikhangiso. ▀

Parapara Makgahlela

Uhlelo lokuqeleshwa kwabashayeli bezindiza olubizwa nge-Working on Fire lwathulwa ngonyaka we-2015. Lokhu kuqeleshwa kuheha izicimamlilo eziqela ohlelweni olubizwa nge-Working on Fire ezinezitifiketi zebanga leshumi nambili futhi ezbaphase isingisi, izibalo kanye nesayensi futhi ezinothando lomkhakha wamabhanoyi.

Ngesikhathi lolu hlelo luqala lwaba nezicimamlilo ezimbili ezaya koqeleshwa eKishugu

Uhlelo olubizwa nge-Working on Fire luthuthukisa amakhono

“Ngifisa ukuba ngumshayeli wezindiza wokuqala oqeleshwiwe odabuka elokishini lami.”

Aviation Training Organisation eNasipoti.

Omunye owabamba iqhaza kulokhu kuqeleshwa kwabashayeli bezindiza, uDonald

Malekuto oneminyaka engama-22 ubudala odabuka elokishini iMohale eMagaliesburg, uqeleshelwa ukuthola ilayisensi yokushayela amabhanoyi eKishugu Aviation Training Organisation eNasipoti.

“Ngifisa ukuba ngumshayeli wezindiza wokuqala oqeleshwiwe odabuka elokishini lami. Angeke ngilahle leli thuba eliyinqayizivele engilinikiye ukuthi nqiqeqeshelwe ukuba ngumsha-

yeli wamabhanoyi,” kusho yena. UDonald akamusha emkhakheni wezamabhanoyi futhi useke waqeleshelwa ukuba ngumshayeli wamabhanoyi eMagaliesburg.

Uthe uyabonga kakhulu ukuthi uthola ukuleqeshwa kwabashayeli bezindiza okunzu mahala.

“Ngibe nobunzima ukuphuthula ilayisensi yami yokuqashela amabhanoyi ngenxa

yezimali. Ngiyabonga kwi-Aviation Training Organisation ngokuqeleshwa,” kusho yena.

Umphathi Jikelele wohlelo olubizwa nge-Working on Fire eGauteng uStephen Boyes uthe lolu wuhlelo oluhle lokuthuthukisa amakhono. ▀

Ukuthola ulwazi oluthe xaxa mayelana nohlelo olubizwa nge-Working on Fire vakashela le webhusayithi: www.workingonfire.org noma uthumele i-imeyili kuleli kheli: parapara. makgahlela@wofire.co.za noma ushayele le nombolo: 011 314 0254

The 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

African Union Handbook launched

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) and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (www.mfat.govt.nz) websites. ▀

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 or on the Vuk mobile App. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.