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## Employment is top priority

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

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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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# Isilinganiso Sobuncani Bomrholo Weensebenzi Esitjha

**ZINGAPHEZULU KWEENGIDI EZISITHANDATHU** iinsebenzi ezizokuzuzisa ngesilinganiso esitjha sobuncani bomrholo elizweni loka.

Amukelani Chauke

**I**Sekela likaMengameli u-Cyril Ramaphosa umezelele ukuthi isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo weensebenzi elizweni loka sibekwe ema-R20 nge-awa namkha ee-R3 500 ngenyanga kilabo abasebenza ama-40 wama-awa ngeveke.

Kilabo abasebenza ama-45 wama-awa ngeveke ubuncani bomrholwabo uzakuba zii-R3 900.

ISekela likaMengameli lithi isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo esitjhesi sizokuthoma ukusebenza mhlana li-1 kuMrhayili wee-2018.

"Isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo elizweni loka, ekusilinganiso esiphasi kinazo zoke, ekungakafaneli ukuthi kube nesisebenzi esirhola umrholo ongaphasi kwaso, sizayenza ibengcono khulu ipilo yeengidigidi zeensebenzi ezirhola kancani, ngaleyindlela kube kuthoma kokulungiseka kokutjhiyana ngomrholo elizweni lekhethu.

"Nasithoma ukusebenza



lingidigidi zabasebenzi abarhola kancani zizakuzuzisa kilesi silinganiso sobuncani bomrholo weensebenzi esitjha.

ngomnyaka ozako isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholwesi, iSewula Afrika izabe seyithoma ukuhlanganyela namanye amazwe ambadlwana ephasini loka wona esele athomile ukusebenzisa isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo njengethulusi lokuthuthukisa umnotho wabantu nehlalakhle yabo," kutjho u-Ramaphosa.

ISekela likaMengameli lithi ababelani bemphakathini abajamele iinhlango zeensebenzi neenhlango zomphakathi

emKhandlwini weliZwelo ke wezokuThuthukiswa komNotho nezeenSebenzi (i-Nedlac), batlikile iimvumelwano ngamagadango wokuqinisa ubunzino eendabeni zeensebenzi kunye nokuqinisa ihlelo lokukhulumisana ndawonye, ngokunjalo neendlela zokuthoma ukusebenzisa isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo ekufanele urholwe ziinsebenzi ekuthiwa ngezirhola kancani ukudlula zoke elizweni loka.

Iimvumelwanezi zisitjengi-

**"Leziimvumelwano ezenziweko zibuyisa isithunzi sawo woka amaSewula Afrika athlagako."**

so seliqha eliqakathekileko "emzamweni wethu njenge-lizwe nanjengesitjhaba sokurarulula imiraro yokutjhiyana ngendima elizweni lekhethu, kunye nokunzinzisa imakethe yeensebenzi neendaba zeensebenzi emisebenzini."

Ubuye wathi iimvumelwano ezenziwekwezi zikhwezelela namandla wegalelo lokulwa nokutjhiyana ngendima kezo-mnotho nomtlhago womtjhono. Leziimvumelwano ezenziweko zibuyisa isithunzi sawo woka amaSewula Afrika athlagako.

ISekela likaMengameli lithi ziziingidi ezisi-6.6 iinsebenzi ebeziphila ngomrholo ongaphasi kwee-R3 500 soke isikhathesi, nje-ke kune-

sidingo sokuthoma ikhambo lokuzenzela ubungcono iinsebenzi ezirhola kancani.

"Lokhu esivumelene ngakho ngesilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo elizweni loka akusimrholo wokuphilisa umuntu. Seligadango lokuthoma lokuya emrholweni wokuphilisa umuntu. Leziimvumelwano esizenzileko zimphumela wemikhulumiswano ethethe pheze iminyaka emibili.

"Ziyipendulo yesibawo esakhe senziwa nguMengameli u-Jacob Zuma."

Wathi iinkhampani ezingakghoniko ukurholisa iinsebenzi zazo ubuncani bomrholo zingenza isibawo kurhulumente ukuthi zona zingabi nesibopho sokurholisa iinsebenzi ubuncani bomrholo oqintelweko.

ISekela likaMengameli libuye lathi isilinganiso sobuncani bomrholo sizakunande sibuyekwezwa, kuhlolwe ukuthi sinagalelo bani phezu kwemisebenzi. **V**

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## Land for all

Bathandwa Mbola

**D**uring 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 es-



### FAST FACT

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

establish 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 cur-

rently 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. **V**



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# Sitjhugulula Ipilo Besivikela Umphakathi

Parapara Makgahlela

**I**Hlelo i-Working on Fire ligadango lomNyango wezeBhoduluko loku-tjhugulula ipilo yabantu, khulu khulu abantu abase-mthlagweni.

Ngomnyaka wee-2003 umNyango wezeBhoduluko wavula ihlelveli ngo-mnqopho wokuvulela ilutjha leendawo ezisadimeke amathuba imisebenzi nokulakhela amakghonofundwa.

Banengi abantu ipilwabo esele itjhugulukile solo kwangesikhatheso.

Ihlelo i-Working on Fire linamaziko ama-200 kunye nabacimimlilo abazii-5 000 kilo loke ilizwe leSewula

Afrika.

Ihlelveli linama-60% wabacimimlilo abaduna, nama-40% wabacimimlilo abasikazi, kanti abantu abakhubazekileko bona bamaphesende amane.

Abacimimlilo bathi bangaqatjiswa bese bathunyelwa eMbombela la bayokufundiswa khona amalanga ama-25 babe bajayezwe nomsebenzi, bafakwe nesifundweni esithuthukileko sokucima umlilo wommango newamahlathi.

Nakuneenkundla zomsebenzi, imikhangiso yazo ivezwa lapho izakubonwa khona mumuntu woke eendaweni la iinqhema zomsebenzi lo zisebenzela khona.

Umuntu nakazakuqale-



■ IHlelo i-Working on Fire elisekelwa ngeemali mNyango wezeBhoduluko, ekuliHlelo eliNatjisiweko lemiSebenzi yesiTjhaba (i-EPWP) kunqotjhw ngalo ukunikela ilutjha amathuba.

lelwa ukufakwa kilelihlelo kufanele bona:

- Abe sisakhamuzi seSewula Afrika.

- Aphase ukuhlololwa ipilo yomzimba ngesikhathi sokuhlungelwa ukuqatjiswa.

- Abe mumuntu ohlala emphakathini lapho iinkhundla zomsebenzi lo zikhangiswe khona. **V**

Parapara Makgahlela

**U**zmamosisungulo wokufundisela abantu ukutjhayela aboflayi i-Working on Fire wasungulwa ngomnyaka wee-2015. Abantu abazakufundiselwa ukutjhayela aboflayi benyulwa ehlelweni i-Working on Fire; bonake kufanele ukube baphase uMethriki, baphase isiNgesi, ne-Methemethiksi kunye ne-Physical Science, kanti ngaphezu kwalokho kufuze ukuthi babe nethando lokusebenza ngaboflayi.

Nawuthomako umzamosisungulo lo wawuna-

## I-Working on Fire Ithuthukisa Amakghonofundwa

**“Ngifuna ukuba ngewokuthoma oneziqu zokuphaphisa aboflayi elokitjhini langekhetu.”**

bacimimlilo ababili abathunyelwa ehlanganweni efundisa ngezaboflayi nangezokukhamba emmoyeni, i-Kishugu Aviation Training Organisation eseMbombela.

Omune walabo abafundiselwa ukuphaphisa

aboflayi, u-Donald Malekuto oneminyaka yobudala ema-22 obuya elokitjhini i-Mohale ese-Magaliesburg, ufundela ukuthola ilayisense yokuphaphisa aboflayi e-Kishugu Aviation Training Organisation, khona eMbombela.

“Ngifuna ukuba ngewokuthoma oneziqu zokuphaphisa aboflayi elokitjhini langekhetu. Angeze ngadlala ngalo lelithuba elihle kangaka enginikelwe lona lokufundela ukuba mtjhayeli waboflayi,” kutjho u-Malekuto.

U-Malekuto akasimutjha nokho kezokukhamba ngommoya, ngoba phela ufundiselwe nokuphaphisa unophehlwana ongananjini, e-Magaliesburg.

Uthi okumthokozisa khulu khulu kukuthi ufundiselwa ukutjhayela aboflayi ngokupheleleko simahla.

“Ngadisa budisi ukuthola ilayisensami yokuba mtjhayeli kanophehlwana ongananjini, ngomraro wokuthayelelwa ziimali.

Ngibathokoza khulu bakwa-Aviation Training Organisation ngokungifu-

ndisela kwabo lomsebenzi,” kutjho u-Malekuto.

UMphathi omKhulu weHlelo i-Working on Fire ye-Gauteng u-Stephen Boyes uthe umzamosisungulo lo ulisizo elikhulu ekwakhiweni nekuthuthukisweni kwamakghonofundwa. **V**

**Eminye imininingwana edephileko ngeHlelo le-Working on Fire ungayifumana ngokuvakatjhela ubunzinzolwazi ku-: [www.workingonfire.org](http://www.workingonfire.org) namkha ngeposommoya ethi: [parapara.makgahlela@wofire.co.za](mailto:parapara.makgahlela@wofire.co.za) namkha udosele umtato ku-: 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, own-

ership 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 Silenc-

ing 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. **V**

## 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 Booi (pictured). Ms Booi'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.