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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



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- Complete as at February 2023  Progress update





Introduction

The State of the Nation Address in February 2022 identified bold, decisive actions to address the urgent challenges that our country faces. It was about building a new consensus to take South Africa forward. And it was about leaving no one behind.



“ The path we choose now will determine the course for future generations. ”

“That is why we are taking steps to strengthen our democracy and reaffirm our commitment to a Constitution that protects us all.

We are working together to revitalise our economy and end the inequality and injustice that impedes our progress.

We are standing together against corruption and to ensure that those who are responsible for state capture are punished for their crimes.

We are rebuilding the state and restoring trust and pride in public institutions.”

This booklet provides a one year review of the concrete and measurable actions taken by government over the last year to restore the promise of our democracy.



BUILDING A NEW CONSENSUS

Following a decade of low economic growth and the devastating impact of state capture, the coronavirus pandemic and the violent unrest that occurred in parts of the country last year, South Africa stands at a turning point.

To address these critical challenges, we need a new consensus – a shared vision of what we want to achieve, and a set of priorities to get us there.

This new consensus must include all South Africans in a collective effort to address poverty, unemployment and inequality.



Finalise a **comprehensive social compact to grow our economy, create jobs and combat hunger**



Social partners are considering a draft **Social Compact framework** to guide a common programme.



“ If there is one thing we all agree on, it is that the present situation – of deep poverty, unemployment and inequality – is unacceptable and unsustainable. ”

“There is agreement among a broad and diverse range of South Africans that fundamental reforms are needed to revive economic growth.

There is a need both to address the immediate crisis and to create conditions for long-lasting stability and development.

To achieve this, South Africa needs a new consensus.

A consensus that is born out of a common understanding of our current challenging situation and a recognition of the need to address the challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

A new consensus which recognises that the state must create an environment in which the private sector can invest and unleash the dynamism of the economy.

But equally an environment in which South Africans can live a better life and unleash the energy of their capabilities.

This should be a new consensus which embraces our shared responsibility to one another, and acknowledges that we are all in this together.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa



GROWING THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

Our foremost priority is to revive economic growth and create jobs. Through Operation Vulindlela, government is implementing far-reaching economic reforms to place our economy on a new growth trajectory. These reforms will ensure a stable and secure energy supply, clean and safe drinking water, efficient freight transport for our goods to reach global markets, and cheaper data costs for all South Africans.

Over the coming year, significant investment in infrastructure projects will boost economic growth.

Through cutting red tape and supporting small businesses, we will drive job creation and enable entrepreneurs to thrive.


At the same time, government will continue to support job creation directly through the Presidential Employment Stimulus and will expand social protection to support those who are unemployed.



Implement far-reaching economic reforms through Operation Vulindlela




Bid Window 6 of the **renewal energy programme** will soon be opened



Bid Window 6 **capacity has been doubled to 5 200 MW.**



Procure 6 800 MW additional electricity generation capacity through the **renewable energy programme**



Agreements have been signed for 26 renewable energy projects with capacity of 2 800 MW.




Proceed with projects from the **risk mitigation programme** that are not in dispute



Request proposals for 3 000 MW of gas power and 500 MW of **battery storage**



Work with industry to accelerate private investments in embedded generation following the **raising of the licensing threshold** to 100 MW



Licensing threshold has been removed. Around 100 potential projects with a total of 9 000 MW currently in the pipeline.



Enable municipalities to **procure additional generation capacity** from IPPs



Introduce the Electricity Regulation Amendment Bill to Parliament to **enable a competitive electricity market**



Commence the unbundling of Eskom with the establishment of a separate transmission subsidiary



Finalise the **mining exploration strategy**



Finalise the Rapid Deployment Policy and make it easier to deploy telecommunications infrastructure at municipal level



Complete a comprehensive review of the work visa system to **attract skills and investment**

Enter partnerships with private operators at the Durban and Ngqura container terminals

Complete the auction of spectrum



Commence with the auctioning of the high-frequency communications spectrum

The auction of high-demand broadband spectrum has been completed, which will improve network quality and reduce data costs



Initiate third-party access to the freight rail network

Reopen the remaining priority corridors of the passenger rail network

Introduce the **National Water Resources Infrastructure Agency Bill** to Parliament

Publish the Green Drop report to **improve water quality monitoring** and enable intervention where municipalities do not meet norms and standards

Clear the backlog of water use licence applications and process 80% of all new applications within 90 days

Implement changes to the regulatory framework to enable investment in hemp and cannabis

Support the **growth of small businesses**



Establish a revised **Bounce-Back Loan Guarantee Scheme** to make it easier for small businesses to access finance



Establish a **Red Tape Reduction Team** in the Presidency to reduce the regulatory burden and help businesses to grow



Complete review of the Business Act to reduce the compliance burden on small businesses and informal traders



Hold the 4th South Africa Investment Conference to **attract local and foreign investment**



Hold the 4th South Africa Investment Conference to showcase the many opportunities available as South Africa continues its recovery from COVID-19



The Investment Conference on 24 March 2022 raised R332 billion in investment commitments. This brings the total value of commitments since 2018 to just over R1.1 trillion

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Create jobs through private and public employment

- Expand the Employment Tax Incentive** to encourage businesses to hire more employees
- Continue the Presidential Employment Stimulus** to reach over 1 million participants through work opportunities and livelihoods support
- Create 50 000 new work **opportunities through the Social Employment Fund**
- Create 50 000 **opportunities for unemployed youth** through a revitalised National Youth Service
- Place 10 000 TVET **graduates in workplace** experience
- Provide **support to young work-seekers** through SAYouth.mobi
- Recruit 10 000 young people** for the digitisation of paper records

Invest in infrastructure

- Finalise pipeline of projects through the **Infrastructure Fund**
- Commence construction of catalytic **infrastructure projects** worth R21 billion
- Provide bulk infrastructure** to unlock identified private sector infrastructure projects
- Implement innovative delivery mechanism for **social infrastructure in pilot schools**
- Scale up the **Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme**
- Construct and maintain rural roads** through the S'hamba Sonke programme

Provide support for the unemployed



Extend the R350 Social Relief of Distress Grant to provide a minimum level of support for those who are unemployed



“As we work to grow the economy and create jobs, we will expand support to poor families to ensure that no person in this country has to endure the pain and indignity of hunger.”






PROTECTING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS

We are entering a new phase in our response to the coronavirus pandemic.

While the need for vigilance remains, our focus is on increasing the rate of vaccination and enabling a return to normal as quickly as possible.



Increase the vaccination rate to protect lives and livelihoods, especially among younger people

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- > As at February 2023, **38.4 million vaccine doses** administered.
 - > More than half of all **adult South Africans** have received at least one dose.



Strengthen vaccine manufacturing capability in South Africa and the African continent



End the National State of Disaster through the finalisation of health regulations



End the National State of Disaster



The National State of Disaster to contain the COVID-19 pandemic was terminated at midnight on 4 April 2022



“ Over the past two years, we have taken unprecedented actions to strengthen our health system, build laboratory capacity and prevent infections.”

“Our approach has been informed throughout by the best available scientific evidence, and we have stood out both for the quality of our scientists and for their involvement in every step of our response.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa



ENSURING A JUST TRANSITION

SONA 2022 outlines clear actions to enable a just transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy.

By investing in renewable energy and the green economy, **we will attract investment, create new jobs and ensure that coal-dependent communities benefit most from the transition.**



Finalise a Just Transition Framework to guide SA towards a low-carbon economy and climate resilient society.



Appoint a Presidential Climate Finance Task Team to lead the mobilisation of funds for our just transition



Conclude a detailed agreement for the \$8.5 billion Just Energy Transition Partnership



Finalise the White Paper on new energy vehicles to help our automotive sector to keep up with global trends



Implement the Hydrogen Society (HySA) Roadmap to position South Africa as a global leader in green hydrogen



“ This first-of-its-kind partnership will involve repurposing and repowering some of the coal plants that are reaching the end of their lives, and creating new livelihoods for workers and communities most impacted by this change.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa




ACCELERATING LAND REFORM

Accelerating land reform remains a crucial priority for government.

Land reform will be implemented in a manner that is inclusive, just and equitable, ensuring that small-scale farmers benefit from land redistribution.



Move ahead with land reform in terms of the Constitution and work towards approval of the Expropriation Bill to provide a clear legal framework



Expropriation Bill approved by National Assembly. Now under consideration by NCOP.



Establish an Agriculture and Land Reform Development Agency to strengthen area-based planning and support emerging farmers



Finalise the transfer of 14 000 hectares of public land from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to the Housing Development Agency



Scale up production input vouchers to reach a combined 250 000 small-scale farmers



140 000 small-scale farmers have received production input vouchers to date.



“ Expanding access to land is vital for our efforts to reduce hunger and provide people with meaningful livelihoods. We have enough arable land to support millions of thriving small-scale farmers in poultry, livestock, fruit and vegetables.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa



FIGHTING CORRUPTION

Corruption undermines the delivery of services, hurts the economy and investor confidence.

Government is taking decisive steps to expose and punish corrupt activities in both the public and private sectors, reform our institutions to make them stronger and more transparent, and ensure that those responsible for state capture are held accountable.



Strengthen the NPA and the Financial Intelligence Centre to combat complex cases of corruption and financial crime



Develop a framework for private-sector support for investigations and prosecutions that ensures independence and transparency





Appoint a new head of the Investigating Directorate in the National Prosecuting Authority



Appoint new head of the National Prosecuting Authority's Investigating Directorate



Adv Andrea Johnson appointed as Investigating Directorate head on 1 March 2022



Take steps to protect whistle blowers and review legislation to strengthen their protection in future



Establish a mechanism to **monitor implementation of SIU recommendations**



Present a detailed plan of action to Parliament in response to the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture



Finalise discussions with the judiciary for **the creation of special court rolls for state capture and corruption cases**



“State capture had a direct and very concrete negative impact on the lives of all South Africans, but especially the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society.”

“We must now do everything in our power to ensure that it never happens again. None of our efforts to revive our economy will succeed if we do not tackle the scourge of corruption once and for all.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa



MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER

Every South African deserves to live in safety, without the fear of crime or violence.

SONA 2022 outlines decisive steps to strengthen law enforcement agencies, create safe communities and protect critical infrastructure.



Establish a multi-disciplinary unit to address economic sabotage, vandalism of infrastructure and extortion at construction sites



Announce a decision on further measures to address the **sale or export of scrap metal**





Announce leadership changes in security agencies



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in security agencies**



Thembisile Majola appointed as the new
Director-General of the State Security Agency



Fill critical vacancies in the State Security Agency and
Crime Intelligence



Implement the recommendations
of the **expert panel on the July
2021 unrest**



Several **recommendations**
have been implemented,
while others are still
underway.



Increase staffing and improve training of the public order
policing unit of the SAPS



**Recruit an additional 12 000 new
police personnel** to strengthen the
capacity of the SAPS

**9 700 recruits have
graduated** from the police
academies and a further
550 are currently in training.



Re-establish community policing forums to improve coordination between police and local residents



Implement the National Strategic Plan on **Gender-Based Violence and Femicide**



The **Second Presidential Summit on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide** was held in November 2022 to assess progress of National Strategic Plan.



“ We are taking steps to safeguard our democracy, protect our economic infrastructure and build safer communities for all. ”

President Cyril Ramaphosa



MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK

The era of state capture weakened government institutions and left them unable to perform their roles effectively.

Government is working to rebuild these institutions and reposition our state-owned enterprises to serve the public good.



Through the Presidential State-Owned Enterprises Council, **identify state-owned entities to be retained, consolidated or disposed of**



Develop policy paper and draft legislation on a **centralised shareholding model for SOEs to strengthen governance and oversight**



An **SOE Shareholder Management Bill** has been **drafted** and is undergoing consultation processes



Finalise a framework for professionalisation of the public service
to ensure that public servants are capable, professional and appropriately qualified



“State-owned enterprises play a vital role in our economy.”

“From water and roads, to energy and ports, to defence and aviation, these strategic assets are necessary to keep our country running.

It is essential that we reverse their decline and position them to contribute positively.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa

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