

Resolutions, Recommendations and Actions from the SoNA 2018 delivered by Honourable President Cyril Ramaphosa

1. Economic Policy:

- Appoint a Presidential Economic Advisory Council. It will draw on the expertise and capabilities that reside in labour, business, civil society and academia.

2. Jobs, especially for Youth:

- Jobs Summit with in few months
- Investment Conference with in next three months
- Launch Youth Employment Service Initiative next month to place unemployed youth in paid internships in companies across the economy
- Create a millions such internships in the next three years.
- Establish Youth Working Group.

3. Re-industrialise/stimulate manufacturing

- Strategic use of incentives and other measures.
- Localisation programme for products designated for local manufacturing—clothing, furniture, water metres etc via our public procurement interventions.

4. Transformation

- Support black industrial is to build new generation of black and women producers that are able to build enterprises of significant scale and capability
- Use competition policy to open markets to new black entrants.
- Invest in the development of township and rural enterprises

5. Infrastructure

- Assemble team to speed up implementation of new projects, particularly water projects, health facilities and road maintenance.

6. Mining

- Intensify engagements with all stakeholders on the Mining Charter.
- Finalise the MPRDA Amendment Bill before by end of first quarter this year.

- Stakeholder engagement to deal with mining fatalities.

7. *Small business, co-ops, township enterprises*

- Honour 30% of procurement allocation of these enterprises
- Invest in SME incubation
- Welcome SME Fund initiative by corporate sector

8. *Land and agriculture*

- Accelerate our land redistribution programme AND make more land available
- Expropriate land without compensation, our approach, taking into account food security, agricultural production and growth of the sector. THERE WILL BE A PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON MODALITIES.

9. *Fourth industrial revolution*

- Digital Industrial revolution commission to be established
- Allocation of spectrum to reduce barriers to entry.

10. *National Minimum Wage*

- Introduce NMW by May 1 benefiting more than 6 million South Africans.

11. *Health and NHI*

- Scale up our testing and treating campaign by initiating an additional two million people on antiretroviral treatment by December 2020.
- The NHI Bill is now ready to be processed through government and will be submitted to Parliament in the next few weeks.

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12. *Educations*

- This year free higher education and training will be available to first year students from households with a gross combined annual income of up to R350 000.
- All public schools have begun offering an African language.
- First National Senior Certificate examination on South African Sign Language, which will be offered to deaf learners at the end of 2018.

13. *Social Grants*

- Urgently take decisive steps to comply with all the directions of the Constitutional Court.

- Take action to ensure no person in government is undermining implementation deadlines set by the court.

14. Social Sector/Civil Society

- *Convene a Social Sector Summit during the course of this year to recognise the critical role they play in society.*

15. State Governance

- *Reduce the number of departments (cabinet).*
- *review the funding model of SOEs and other measures.*
- *Change the way that boards are appointed*
- *Remove board members from any role in procurement.*

16. Corruption/State Capture

- *The commission of inquiry in to state capture to commence its work shortly*
- *The Commission should not displace the regular work of the country's law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting any and all acts of corruption.*
- *Urge professional bodies and regulatory authorities to take action against members who are found to have acted improperly and unethically.*
- *Urgently attend to the leadership issues at the National Prosecuting Authority to ensure that this critical institution is stabilised and able to perform its mandate unhindered.*
- *Appoint a Commission of Inquiry into Tax Administration and Governance of SARS,*
- *Visit every national department to engage with the senior leadership to ensure that the work of government is effectively aligned.*