

Strong partnerships key for growth

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The government has lobbied South Africans at large, particularly the private sector, to become more involved in efforts to propel South Africa's development goals and to realise the vision of radical economic transformation.

"Radical economic transformation requires broader buy-in from all sectors of South African society, who accept

democracy and detest apartheid evils.

People who love democracy and equality will happily embrace the concept of radical economic transformation as a fair tool to eradicate economical racial inequalities originating from colonial apartheid," said Public Works Minister Nathi Nhleko.

The Minister was speaking at the 10th year Commemora-

tion Gala Dinner of the Black Business Council in the Built Environment (BBCBE) in Benoni, Gauteng, on Wednesday night.

He said it cannot be left to government alone to improve people's lives, as this is a shared responsibility, which requires the assistance of formations such as the BBCBE.

Nhleko used the platform to highlight the work done un-

der the Voluntary Rebuilding Programme which sets company-level targets for transformation, either through the sale of a minimum of 40% of shares to black South Africans or through partnerships with smaller black-owned construction companies, to help increase their turnover to 25% of the listed company turnover, over a seven-year period.
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