

Presidential IMC to tackle land reform issues

President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on land reform, chaired by Deputy President David Mabuza.

The IMC will coordinate and implement measures to accelerate the redistribution of land.

The nine-member IMC will also deal with the provision of agricultural support and the redress of spatial inequality within a broad and comprehensive land redistribution and agricultural development programme.

“President Ramaphosa’s appointment of the IMC is in line with his commitment, made during the State of the Nation Address, to accelerate the land redistribution programme not only to redress a grave historical injustice, but also to bring more producers into the agricultural sector and to

make more land available for cultivation towards security, rural development, poverty reduction and strengthening the economy,” said the Presidency.

The IMC comprises the following ministers: Minister for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma; Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane; Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Senzeni Zokwana; Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Zweli Mkhize; Minister of Finance, Nhlanhla Nene; Minister of Human Settlements, Nomaindia Mfeketo; Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Michael Masutha; Minister of Public Enterprises, Pravin Gordhan; and Minister of Public Works, Thulas Nxesi.

The President will also appoint a panel of experts to provide technical support to the IMC.