



On a new **PATH OF GROWTH**

Call to create more jobs and find ways to avert job losses

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PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa aims to set the country on a new path of growth, employment and transformation. Action plans for employment creation were considered at a job summit last year but according to Cosatu spokesperson, Sizwe Pamla, nothing has been delivered so far. "Government and business agreed on jobs plans at the jobs summit but both have failed to implement the agreements. Only six departments have job creation targets. Most are based on Expanded Public Works Programmes (EPWP) which are not proper jobs," he says.

TACKLE UNEMPLOYMENT

The summit was meant to bring stakeholders together to devise a co-ordinated framework to tackle unemployment. The different social role-players signed a framework agreement designed to create an additional 275 000 direct jobs a year. This is over and above the jobs that would have been created in the economy without these interventions on average about 300 000 a year. With the country bleeding jobs left, right and centre, what is next for a country with so many socio-economic issues? Labour expert, Tony Zulu, explains that informal jobs are the silver lining in South Africa's