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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## MINISTER ZIKALALA SHOWCASES SOUTH AFRICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT PIPELINE AT THE GLOBAL TRADE REVIEW AFRICA IN LONDON

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Sihle Zikalala, will conduct an official working visit to the United Kingdom between 7 and 10 November 2023. While in the UK, the Minister will deliver a keynote address at the Global Trade Review Africa in London on 8 November as well as attend the opening of parliament per the invitation from Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Speaker of the House of Commons on 7 November. The Minister will also take time to engage strategic finance stakeholders and conduct important bilaterals with his Ministerial counterparts on driving further investments into South Africa's infrastructure project pipeline.

The South African Government has unveiled and gazetted a project pipeline of over 70 projects in the sectors of Energy, Water, Digital Infrastructure, Transport, Human Settlements and Agriculture. The Minister, who will be joined by a delegation from Infrastructure South Africa (ISA), will seek to pivot investment-ready infrastructure projects and further strengthen relations with the UK government to ensure sustainable collaboration in the infrastructure eco-system.

Minister Zikalala will be hosted by the UK Prime Minister's trade envoy to South Africa, Mr Andrew Selous and will conduct bilaterals with Minister of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Mr Andrew Mitchell and the Minister of State in the Department for Business Trade, the Earl of Minto. The Minister and his delegation will round off the visit with a site visit to Kings Cross and bilateral engagements with the Infrastructure and Projects Authority.

Minister Zikalala will thereafter proceed to the Afrexim Bank Intra Africa Trade Fair in Cairo, Egypt, where he will focus on accelerating business and economic growth across Africa. This will be a platform that will also be utilised to showcase and market strategic infrastructure projects (SIPs). This forum will involve senior government executives from governments, major banks, companies, NGOs from across Africa and beyond.

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