

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WELCOMES PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA'S REMARKS ON THE NDP

President Cyril Ramaphosa has lauded the Freedom Charter and the National Development Plan as among the most seminal and visionary documents to chart a course for the country over the past 30 years.

He was speaking at the [launch](#) of the [30 Year Review](#) of South Africa's democracy, which was unveiled by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in Pretoria today. The 30-Year Review report presents government's assessment of the country's progress since the transition to democratic governance – by reflecting on the extent to which government policies and programmes have succeeded in improving the livelihoods of citizens.

While the NPC [Ten-Year Review](#) has demonstrated that progress towards achieving the goals and targets set out in [NDP vision 2030](#) has been slow and in a few areas retrogressive, the NPC welcomes President Ramaphosa's call for South Africans to stay the course and his endorsement of the importance of long-term planning for national development. The President underscored the example of our forebears who put their faith in the ideals of the Freedom Charter – whose fruits of freedom and democracy we now enjoy today.

The National Planning Commission is an independent advisory body and custodian of the National Development Plan. It advises the country on implementing the NDP. It has welcomed President Ramaphosa's once again placing the NDP back at the centre of South Africa's development trajectory and vision 2030. The NPC urges all [South Africans](#) to get behind the NDP.

The NDP was launched in 2012 and is the country's only long-term plan for development – it lays out a vision where all South Africans live in dignity and aims to tackle poverty, inequality and unemployment.

It is our future, let us make it work!

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