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Our future—make it work.

South Africa belongs to all its people and the future of our country is our collective future. Making it work is our collective responsibility. All South Africans seek a better future for themselves and their children. The National Development Plan is a plan for the country to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030 through uniting South Africans, unleashing the energies of its citizens, growing an inclusive economy, building capabilities, enhancing the capability of the state and leaders working together to solve complex problems.

South Africa's transition from apartheid to a democratic state has been a success. In the past 18 years, we have built democratic institutions, transformed the public service, extended basic services, stabilised the economy and taken our rightful place in the family of nations. Despite these successes, too many people are trapped in poverty and we remain a highly unequal society. Too few South Africans work, the quality of school education for the majority is of poor quality and our state lacks capacity in critical areas. Despite significant progress, our country remains divided, with opportunity still shaped by the legacy of apartheid. In particular, young people and women are denied the opportunities to lead the lives that they desire. Our Constitution obliges all of us to tackle these challenges.

Drawing on our collective successes and failures as a nation, we need to do more to improve our future. On the present trajectory, South Africa will not achieve the objectives of eliminating poverty and reducing inequality. There is a burning need for faster progress, more action and better implementation. The future belongs to all of us and it is up to all South Africans to make it work.

The approach of the plan revolves around citizens being active in development, a capable and developmental state able to intervene to correct our historical inequities, and strong leadership throughout society working together to solve our problems. The plan addresses the need to enhance

the capabilities of our people so that they can live the lives that they desire; and to develop the capabilities of the country so that we can grow faster, draw more people into work and raise living standards for all, but particularly the poor. This is a plan for South Africa, requiring action, change and sacrifice from all sectors of society.

The plan is the product of hundreds of interactions with South Africans, input from tens of thousands of people, extensive research and robust debate throughout the country. We thank South Africans for their contributions and perspectives. We trust that you will see your vision in the plan and your ideas in the proposals.

To establish a commission consisting largely of people from outside government and give them a mandate to be critical, objective and cross-cutting was always going to be risky. The Commission thanks President Zuma for his courage and ongoing support in guiding its work.

All the Commissioners have put incredible effort into producing this plan. They worked in a spirit of common purpose that is inspiring and representative of what the plan seeks to achieve – South Africans from diverse backgrounds working together to solve complex problems. The Commission will continue in its role through mobilising support for the plan, conducting research, advising society on implementation and reporting on progress made in achieving the objectives of the plan.

The future is ours, we must make it work.



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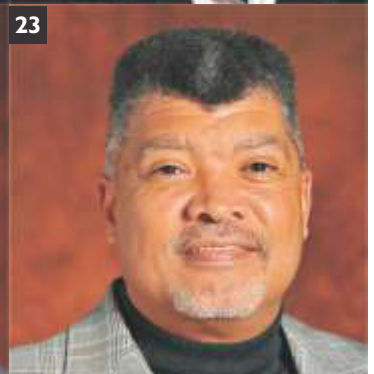
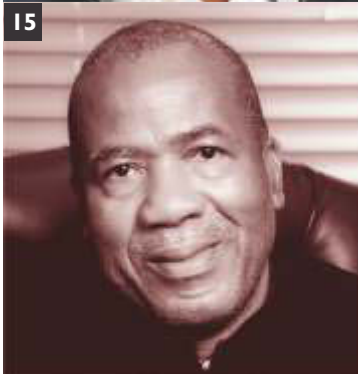
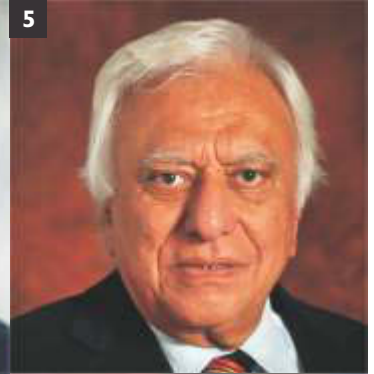
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