

## **National Planning Commission to give feedback to nation**

The National Planning Commission will as from this week address itself to the nation and provide an overview of the work it has done in the last five years. The mandate of this, the second NPC, was to advise the President and Cabinet on implementation and implementation pathways and measure the extent to which the National Development Plan (NDP) was being implemented.

Its tenure ended on August 30 but, President Ramaphosa extended it for another six months, until February 28, 2021. The NPC has decided to not only conclude the various projects it was involved in in the monitoring and implementation of the NDP, but to also inform the country the extent to which the plan is impacting on the lives of South Africans.

In the next months before its end, the NPC will embark on an information rollout on various media platforms and, secondly, stakeholder engagements with various stakeholders in society. The engagements, which will enhance and expand the consultations that the NPC has had with some stakeholders in the last five years, will be based on the three work streams of the NPC.

These are: a capable and inclusive economy; a capable and committed state and civil service; and, the empowerment of society through an improvement in the quality of life.

Of essence is that the media and stakeholder interactions will be based on the various documents and research done by this second NPC. The documents include a report that detailed the substantive work done in various aspects of the NDP and these include the Covid-19 strategy designed by the NPC; the review of the NDP by a subcommittee; and, it goes without saying, what the NPC in various areas such as the fight against corruption, gender based violence, children and the NDP; the strategy for youth transitions into labour; the monopoly of the three major hospital groups and impact on drugs; social cohesion, the developmental state etc. Work was also done on energy, water, township and rural

economies, labour dynamics and a just wage. The papers are available from the National Planning Commission website <https://www.nationalplanningcommission.org.za/>

The first major session in these interactions will be on Thursday when a delegation of the NPC meets with SANEF. Other engagements will then follow. Ms Sandisiwe Mapine below will advise members of the public of the webinars or sessions to be held, and members of the public can request to participate in such sessions as it is of interest to them.

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