

Panel Discussion on the 30-Year Review Report on South Africa's Democracy.

***Hosted by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation,
National Press Club and the University of South Africa***

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Venue: UNISA Main Campus, Pretoria

1. INTRODUCTION

The NPC participated in the panel discussion hosted by the Department of Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation (DPME), the National Press Club and the University of South Africa (UNISA) on the 30-Year Review Report. The session was held at UNISA's main campus in Pretoria on 23 May 2024.

2. OVERVIEW

The 30-Year Review Report was launched and handed over to President Cyril Ramaphosa on Wednesday 8 May 2024. The Presidency tasked the DPME with the responsibility of leading a review of the 30 years of democracy in South Africa. The review was conducted in collaboration with other national government departments and provincial Premiers' offices. The review process entailed consultations with a wide variety of stakeholders across the length and breadth of the country and the African continent through workshops, numerous roundtable discussions, a colloquium as well as the use of reliable data and desktop research.

3. KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The objectives of the session were to:

- Stimulate a discussion on the 30-Year Review of South Africa's democracy.
- Encourage South Africans to take ownership of the report and participate in the development of the country.
- Reflect on key milestones in South Africa's 30 years of democratic governance.
- Ensure broader engagement about the future of the country.

Key questions that were discussed:

- Does the report offer a sense of whether the government has succeeded in delivering on the promise of a better life for all South Africans?
- Is the country moving closer to its commitment to end poverty and reduce unemployment and inequality as envisaged in the NDP 2030?
- What are the biggest signifiers of South Africa on a path to prosperity?
- What lessons can be gleaned from the report?
- Are there sufficient strategies to deal with the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment?

4. CONCLUSION

The session stimulated discussion on the 30-Year Review of South Africa's democracy and encouraged South Africans to take ownership of the report and participate in the development of the country.



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