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## EDITOR'S

## LETTER

We've reached the end of another amazing year, and what a year it has been! For many, this month fills us with gratitude as it represents family holidays, too. November is an important month where we begin the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the negative impact that violence and abuse have on women and children and to rid society of abuse permanently. This year, President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the campaign by visiting the Victim Support Centre at Witpoort Police Station.

For South Africa, the Rugby Season was well underway this month. The Springboks qualified for the Rugby World Cup final in Japan which is an achievement that was celebrated by all South Africans, including DIRCO officials at both Head Office and Missions, who also joined in sending messages of support to the Springboks. The Springboks' victory over England in the final of Rugby World Cup 2019 on 2 November 2019 saw them bringing home their third Rugby World Cup. The Springboks, our very own Bokke, returned home not only as world champions but also top of the World Rugby Men's Rankings for the first time since 16 November 2009. South Africa is proud, and we know we are #StrongerTogether. Go Bokke!

Following the call by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for the upliftment of sanctions against Zimbabwe, Minister Naledi Pandor, in collaboration with the Institute of Global Dialogue (IGD) and the University of South Africa (UNISA) hosted a symposium which aimed at stimulating discussion on what can be done to kick-start the growth of the Zimbabwean economy following the economic meltdown.

In this issue, we also find an opinion piece penned by Deputy Minister Alvin Botes. In addition, you can also read about Deputy Minister Mashego-Dlamini's attendance at the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Japan, where she led the South African delegation.

Ms Mpho Matjele gives us a glimpse of her life while on posting and how it has changed her life and understanding of international relations.



As Powell Davies once said, "The world is now too small for anything but brotherhood", our Embassy in the State of Qatar hosted the 2019 Ubuntu Heritage event aimed at celebrating South Africa's diverse and rich cultural heritage, and the main message behind the event was to promote unity, inclusivity, nation building, tolerance and peaceful co-existence among nations.

Mr Georgino Cambinda takes us through, as he calls it, Portuguese for Diplomats on the Linguistics. It has been a wonderful month, filled with lots of memories, love and laughter. We are however, saddened by the loss of some of our officials, and Ambassador of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic to the Republic of South Africa, Ambassador Radhi-Sghaiar Bachir, following a short illness while in a hospital in Spain.

As we wrap up the year, and most officials will be away with family, the *It's Your Voice* team wishes you happy holidays. Let us meet again in 2020 and make new memories to cherish for a lifetime.

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Busisiwe Kubheka

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## MINISTER PANDOR HOSTS A DIRCO SYMPOSIUM ON “THE BEST PATH TO A PROSPEROUS ZIMBABWE”



*Minister of The Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Dr Naledi Pandor delivers a key note address at the UNISA Kgorong Hall.*

The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Dr Naledi Pandor, on Monday, 18 November 2019, hosted a symposium under the theme: “The Best Path towards a Prosperous Zimbabwe”, at the University of South Africa.

The purpose of the symposium was to reflect on the call by the Southern African Development Community (SADC), for the lifting of sanctions imposed on the Republic of Zimbabwe and to stimulate discussion on what can be done to kick-start the growth of the Zimbabwean economy following the economic meltdown.

The 39<sup>th</sup> SADC Ordinary Summit of Head of State and Government held on 17 and 18 August 2019 in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, noted that the SADC committee of minister’s responsible for gender and women affairs, during their meeting in May 2019, in Windhoek Namibia, recognised that the perpetual existence of economic sanction illegally and unfairly imposed on the Republic of Zimbabwe, particularly by the United States of America and the European Union, is affecting Zimbabwe’s economic development and the livelihoods of the people especially vulnerable groups.

empowerment through a lack of foreign direct investment, as investors fear the impact of sanctions on their business relations with the US. The Summit also noted that the impact of sanctions on Zimbabwe has far reaching social, economic and financial implications which affect the SADC region at large. In view of this, there is a need for a regional approach and coordinated efforts. This approach should, among others, include targeting countries that have imposed sanctions and include the matter as a standing agenda when SADC engages international cooperation partners and within multilateral institutions.

Furthermore, the SADC Chairperson was mandated to communicate the position with countries that have imposed sanctions on Zimbabwe, and to call for the immediate lifting of these sanctions. Member states, including SADC committees of Ambassadors worldwide were urged to engage with countries and international cooperation which have imposed sanctions on Zimbabwe.

In her remarks during the Symposium, Minister Pandor said: “As the department, we have some appreciation of the nature of the challenges and the various economic and social imperatives. By all accounts, there are serious and seemingly intractable political factors that might need attention if solutions are to be effective or implementable. The political formations in Zimbabwe remain at loggerheads and have apparent deep antipathy toward each other, which makes joint decision-making and planning extremely difficult.”

She further noted that it seems clear that even as we support the call for an end to economic sanctions, the political dynamics are inextricably linked to the economic, and thus should be confronted simultaneously.

“The situation has been equally negative for those with a livelihood and those without. Zimbabwe has experienced significant loss of skills in the past decade and this has harmed the possibility of efficient management of key economic sectors and institutions.” added Minister.

**“The political formations in Zimbabwe remain at loggerheads and have apparent deep antipathy toward each other, which makes joint decision-making and planning extremely difficult.”**

Dr. Pandor said that South Africa has been a beneficiary of the loss of key skills and there has been substantial migration to different parts of our country. Finding solutions to this loss of skills will be an important part of the practical actions we should consider. We may have to devise innovative forms of institutional collaboration that would help sustain and perhaps restore the efficacy of critical institutions.

“SADC may need to go beyond the resolution we adopted and engage those who have imposed sanctions to agree on lifting sanctions to support the recovery of sectors such as health, agriculture and education.”

In conclusion she said, “I hope our panellists will share ideas from the work that they have been leading in their respective disciplines. They may be more alert to the possibility of initiating an inclusive political dialogue, or be alert to economic sectors that could promote increased employment and future growth. We do not have the answers as DIRCO and we hope to benefit from the wisdom of this dialogue. The imposed sanctions have not resulted in an end to the problems thus we need a move beyond describing the problems and the identification of key steps toward real change, growth and stability in Zimbabwe.”

Panellists included Dr Shingie Mutanga from the African Institute of South Africa; Political analyst, Dr Somadoda Fikeni and Dr Philani Mthembu, Executive Director for the Institute for Global Dialogue at the University of South Africa (UNISA).



### SOUTH AFRICA STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

By Deputy Minister Alvin Botes

We stress the importance and urgency of action in light of the sensitive juncture of their plight and the extreme challenges being faced after more than 52 years of the illegal occupation of Palestinian land and the passage of more than 71 years since the tragic Nakba (catastrophe) of the Palestinian people in May 1948.

We call for the urgent provision of political, economic and humanitarian support to assist the Palestinian people. Their right to self-determination and freedom is coupled with the demand that East Jerusalem be recognised as their capital on the basis of the pre-1967 borders.

We are for a just solution for Palestinian refugees, based on the UN General Assembly resolution 194 (III), which calls for the achievement of genuine peace, security and peaceful coexistence.

South Africa welcomes the State of Palestine's chairmanship of the G77 and China for 2019 and reaffirms its support for this undertaking.

Our message on this International Day of Solidarity with the people of Palestine is firmly premised on the rejection of unilateralism and affirmation of multilateralism, including the centrality of the UN as primary and final arbiter on any and all matters of international justice.

In 1977, the UN General Assembly called for the annual observance of November 29 as International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The resolution on the observance of this day encourages member states to continue to give support and publicity to the observance of the Day of Solidarity.

The South African government stands in solidarity with the most vulnerable, exploited and alienated people in the world. The original intent of the Struggle against apartheid was to stand against injustice. The cause of the Palestine people is a standpoint against injustice perpetuated against the indigenous Arab population.

The South African government renews its commitment to further strengthen and co-ordinate efforts to promote the realisation of justice and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination and independence. This is a call which was made at the recent Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, convened in Baku, Azerbaijan, in October.

### DEPUTY MINISTER MASHEGO-DLAMINI LEADS SOUTH AFRICA'S DELEGATION TO THE G20 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN JAPAN



Deputy Minister of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation during the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nagoya, Japan.

The G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting is one of the key meetings on the calendar of the G20 each year. The meeting allows for G20 foreign ministers from developed and developing countries to reflect on current dynamics in international relations and to provide political momentum to the G20 work in a given year.

Following the elevation of the G20 to Heads of State level in 2008, the mandate and scope of the G20 have significantly expanded from a solely financial and economic focus on the international financial architecture, financial regulatory reform and global economic governance, to include new issues that assume an increasingly political and foreign policy dimension.

The G20 economies account for 85% of the global gross domestic product, 80% of world trade and two-thirds of the world's population. Given its size and significance, the G20 has been credited for stabilising the international financial and economic architecture following the 2008 global financial crisis.

South Africa has been a permanent co-chair of the G20 Development Working Group since 2010. Accordingly, Deputy Minister Mashego-Dlamini's delegation focussed on ways in which South Africa could continue to work with its G20 partners to ensure the implementation of previous commitments to Africa in the area of development, including the G20 Industrialisation of Africa Initiative, the G20 Partnership with Africa, inclusive of the Compact with Africa, the #skillsforgirls and Rural Youth Development Initiatives.

# 16 DAYS of Activism

for no violence against Women and Children

## PLEDGE

### 365 DAYS CAMPAIGN TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

For the love of our country, all south african men pledge to end Gender-based violence and femicide.

As a South African, I recognise that violence against women and children is the manifestation of a profound lack of respect – a failure by us to recognize the inherent equality and dignity of women and children and that it is a violation of their fundamental human rights.

I acknowledge the adverse effects violence has on the country.

I acknowledge the profound psychological and physical trauma violence has on women and children, their families and on communities.

I acknowledge the impact violence has on economic growth, and reducing the quality of life for all.

I therefore commit to playing my part in ending Gender-Based Violence, by being a positive role model, a mentor and not allowing any form of violence to take place without doing something about it.

I commit to ensuring safer communities for women.

I commit to building a safer future for our children.

I commit to being part of the change.

**I say enough is enough!**

Signed by His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa on 25 November 2019, Witpoort, Limpopo



25 November – 10 December

Let's grow South Africa together

#16DaysOfActivism

#EndGBV

#EnoughIsEnough



## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: TAKE A STAND



The annual 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children, known as the 16 Days Campaign, was launched in Lephalale, Limpopo, on 25 November 2019.

President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the campaign with a visit to the Victim Support Centre at Witpoort Police Station.

The visit to the police station was followed by an event at the Ga-Seleka Community Hall, led by the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.

The objectives of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign include expanding the call on men and boys to take a stand against all forms of abuse and the killing of women and children and promoting a multi-sectoral, collective action and responsibility in the fight to eradicate violence against women and children.

It is also an opportunity to update the public on the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) and foster partnership for its implementation

All South Africans are during this time mobilised to commit to ending GBVF by signing the National Pledge on GBVF.

This year's campaign is themed "Enough is Enough: 365 Days to End Gender-Based Violence and Femicide".

## DIRCO-UN Seminar on “South Africa in the multilateral world

By Laoura Lazouras



***“the seminar provided an important platform to share ideas with the experts and provide insight on how South Africa and the United Nations can cooperate to contribute to stronger multilateral relations, as well as to the current global discourse, which is experiencing significant political dynamics, volatility and uncertainty.”***

In her opening remarks, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Africa, Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas, focused on the role of the United Nations in achieving global development, human rights, and peace and security.

In line with the theme of the seminar, the four panel discussions examined contemporary challenges such as unilateralism as a threat to multilateralism and multilateral institutions; divisions in the UN Security Council and the slow pace of reform; human rights violations and the rise in intolerance, gender-based violence, and transnational organized crime; and meeting the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. It was agreed that multilateralism was essential to achieving sustainable development, human rights and peace and security and that South Africa's foreign policy, based on the creation of a better South Africa, better Africa and a better world, can provide the necessary impetus needed to foster multilateral cooperation in which future generations will benefit.

To commemorate UN Day in South Africa, the UN family of agencies will annually honour an individual and / or an institution for their outstanding contributions to human rights advocacy. In this regard, the UN Resident Coordinator, together with Deputy Minister Mashego-Dlamini, used the occasion of the seminar to hand over the debut award to Mr Edward Ndopu, who is an award-winning, internationally acclaimed activist and humanitarian. He was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy at age two and has gone on to become a beacon of hope and possibility for people with disabilities around the world. Mr. Ndopu is one of UN Secretary-General's Advocate on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is currently setting in motion plans to deliver a televised address to the UN from space, in an effort to inspire greater ambition around the SDGs. This will make him the first physically disabled person to travel into space.

On 10 December 2019, the United Nations in South Africa and the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) jointly hosted a one-day seminar themed: “South Africa in the multilateral world,” to mark UN Day held annually on 24 October.

The seminar was also held at a befitting time when South Africa and the world was observing Human Rights Day. The 10th of December marked a significant day, in which the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The day also signaled the last day of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, an international campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

The Director-General, Mr Kgabo Mahoi, welcomed the guests at the seminar comprising the diplomatic corps and representatives of the United Nations (UN) in South Africa; academia; students; media; DIRCO officials; as well as the moderators and panelists representing government, the UN, universities and think tanks. The Director-General briefly outlined the agenda of seminar, which covered the three pillars of the United Nations, namely development, human rights, and peace and security, with multilateralism as the overarching theme.

“Given the prevailing threat to multilateralism, we wanted to engage on how multilateralism can better and more effectively deliver on creating a better life for all in the global context,” said the Resident Coordinator.

Deputy Minister Mashego-Dlamini delivered the keynote address and stated that the seminar provided an important platform to share ideas with the experts and provide insight on how South Africa and the United Nations can cooperate to contribute to stronger multilateral relations, as well as to the current global discourse, which is experiencing significant political dynamics, volatility and uncertainty.

In this regard, the Deputy Minister welcomed the ongoing engagement between government departments and the United Nations Development System, who recently held their strategic retreat to elaborate the priorities for the South Africa – United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. “The framework, once finalised, will outline the areas in which the UN could provide support for South Africa's development priorities,” said the Deputy Minister.

# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED





# THE 2019 UBUNTU HERITAGE EVENT

## By Sybil Mathako

The celebrations for the 2019 Ubuntu Heritage event was hosted by the SA Embassy in the State of Qatar at the Doha Golf Club: Sports Park on 15 November 2019. This community event was aimed at celebrating South Africa's diverse and rich cultural heritage and was attended by the South African community based in Qatar, Business/Private Sector partners, dignitaries, members of the Diplomatic Corps and other African communities. This year's event was supported and sponsored by SASOL, Grand Hyatt Hotel Doha, Al Jassra Group, Turkish Airlines, Nandos/Oryx Group for Food Services, Lulu Supermarket and Dallah Group Holding (through SDI Marketing).

The main message at the event was to promote unity, inclusivity, nation building, tolerance and peaceful co-existence among nations. The event also showcased South African arts, crafts and foods and benefitted from the presence of the renowned South African Master Chef, Mrs Jenny Morris whose talent showcased South African dishes and foods, as well as the popular musician, Mr Jimmy Nevis.



The event also saw the participation of more than 20 South African vendors who erected their stalls to market South African foods, arts and crafts. Participants of all ages and creed graced the event, took part in many competitions and games with many give-aways and gifts for the participants.

The celebrations also reflected on South Africa's win of the 2019 Rugby World Cup and other successes by South African sportspersons. An initiative of "Walking Football" was also held under the banner and support of one of the founding members of the game in Cape Town and Director of Walking Football to the Middle East, Mr Derrick Smith, and the International Walking Football Federation, aimed at promoting sport, health and wellness and to combat communicable diseases and disability challenges and therefore will improve quality of life, fitness and social interaction.



# Voices from DIRCO

## #StrongerTogether



As the Springboks qualified for the #RWC19 final, the DIRCO Staff both at Missions and Head Office rallied behind the team, and sent messages of support as sport has the power to unite our nation and help us towards a common goal of building the nation. #StrongerTogether



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# #ABOUTME

## Mpho Matjele

**Q:** Where were you posted and when?

**A:** I was posted in the Republic of Zimbabwe from July 2015 – June 2019.

**Q:** What were your favourite things about Zimbabwe?

**A:** First of all I liked the people, they are generally friendly, simple, warm and very helpful. I mostly liked the beautiful tourist places like the eastern highlands of Nyanga and Vumba, the Victoria falls, Chinhoyi caves and the Lake Kariba. I also liked just visiting their rural areas, seeing how people lived their ordinary lives, remember unlike South Africa, 70% of Zimbabweans live in the rural areas.

**Q:** How is the Zimbabwean food different from South African food?

**A:** Generally the food is not different except when you look at traditional foods. As the world has become a global village, the same Spar and Pick'n Pay you find here at home is the same you find in Zimbabwe, most of the groceries are imported from South Africa, so I could eat what I eat in South Africa. In fact most of us took groceries from here because it is cheaper same food is much more expensive in Zimbabwe than here at home.

**Q:** As a young woman who went on posting alone, what are some of the challenges that you came across, and how has that changed your life?

**A:** Yes there were challenges as it is always the case when you are in a new environment. That was my first time away from my family and friends, to a foreign country, where there are different languages and culture. There are uncertainties and insecurities because you don't know what to trust and what to believe. So once out of the office, you are on your own and in your house alone. Loneliness can creep in you and can't be on the phone to home all the time, so you tend to read a bit more. That exposure changed my life in that I have become more independent and self reliant and more cosmopolitan. I can live anywhere without feeling vulnerable without family. I can make new friends without compromising my values and standards.

**Q:** Tell us about a day in the life of Mpho Matjele at the Mission.

**A:** Work started at 7:30, and each day was different as we went about promoting South Africa's interests. My days were occupied by meetings, writing reports, building contacts, and organizing events (which is what I enjoyed the most). Zimbabwe has a lot of work both politically and economically, in arts and culture, health, and education.



**Q:** Having just returned to Head Office after posting, how have you been adjusting?

**A:** I am slowly readjusting. I am sure it will take months, as the culture and the routines are different from when you're on posting, it's almost like coming into a new job that has different terms of reference, plus you have a new boss so you must adjust to a new way of doing things.

**Q:** What did you bring back with you from Zimbabwe?

**A:** I brought back international exposure, knowledge and skill. I come back a better diplomat than when I left.

**Q:** Given the opportunity, would you go back, and why?

**A:** Given a chance yes I would go back. First of all because I enjoyed my stay there and secondly, I think Zimbabwe is a key player on the continent. It's a country the world is watching as there is a great deal happening. There are so many lessons to learn from Zimbabwe.



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# UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

By Wendy Swartz

The South African Government together with the Office of the United Nations Independent Expert on Children Deprived of Liberty and the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria, jointly hosted the Southern African Regional Launch of the United Nations (UN) Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, on 9 December 2019, at the University of Pretoria's Future Africa Campus in Pretoria, South Africa.

The Global Study is the 3<sup>rd</sup> UN Global Study on children and builds on two previous United Nations global studies, namely the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children, led by the Former First Lady Graça Machel, and a study focusing on Violence against Children, led by Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, a national of Brazil.

Representatives from all SADC member states were invited to participate at this event including UN Agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), academia, civil society organisations and the South African Human Rights Commission, to allow for an inclusive process.

The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ms Candith Mashego-Dlamini, delivered the opening remarks. Other keynote speakers included former Justice Albie Sachs; the UN Independent Expert dealing with the mandate, Prof. Manfred Nowak; and South Africa's independent expert that sits on the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Prof. Ann Skelton.



## Background

As it is well-known, children deprived of liberty remain an invisible and forgotten group in society, notwithstanding increasing evidence of these children being victims of gross human rights violations, in contrast to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

To address this situation, in December 2014 the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted its Child Rights Resolution (A/RES/69/157) inviting the UN Secretary-General to commission an in-depth global study on children deprived of liberty. Children deprived of liberty are children deprived of their childhood. In October 2016, Professor Manfred Nowak, an Austrian, was appointed as the Independent Expert to lead the Global Study.

## The main objectives of this UN Global Study were:

- To assess the magnitude of this phenomenon, including the number of children deprived of liberty;
- To document good practices and experiences and to capture the views and experiences of children;

- To raise awareness and promote a change in stigmatising attitudes and behaviour towards children who are deprived of their liberty; and
- To provide recommendations for law, policy and practice to safeguard the rights of children concerned.

The UN Global Study was carried out in close cooperation with Governments, UN Agencies, Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), as well as Civil Society Organisations, Human Rights Institutions and academia.

Following the presentation of the UNGA report relating to the Global Study to the UNGA Third Committee in New York on 8 October 2019, and the presentation of the comprehensive version of the Global Study to the UN in Geneva on 19 November 2019, it was crucial for the findings of the Study to be presented in the different regions of the world in order to discuss the best way forward in implementing the findings and corresponding recommendations.



Delegates attending the launch of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty

# Joint Statement by the Republic of South Africa and the International Committee of the Red Cross on the Occasion of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Seminar on International Humanitarian Law

Government representatives from thirteen Southern African countries including Indian Ocean Islands States gathered in Pretoria, South Africa from 22 to 24 October 2019, for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Seminar on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) co-hosted by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) of the Republic of South Africa and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The year 2019, marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions – the central instrument of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The seminar was held under the theme, “The Geneva Conventions” joining the international community in the commemorations.

Participants acknowledged worldwide commitment to the principles and rules of IHL demonstrated by States through their universal ratification of the Geneva Conventions. They reaffirmed the continuing relevance of protecting and preserving human dignity during armed conflict, despite the contemporary challenges to IHL and the evolution of the means and methods of warfare.

Drawing on sentiments shared by DIRCO Minister, Dr. Naledi Pandor during the high-level commemorative meeting on the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly on 23 September 2019, and collective discussions within the context of the seminar, the participants reiterated their governments’ commitment to promoting respect for, complying with and defending the principles, spirit and rules of IHL.

The same sentiments were also reiterated by Mr Kgabo Mahoi, Director-General of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, during his opening address and he urged the participating governments to come up with concrete outcomes that will assist governments in implementing the Geneva Conventions and other complementary standards.

Convening in plenary, expert groups and panel discussions, participants further reflected on the current status of implementation and compliance with IHL in the region and came up with concrete recommendations on strengthening implementation.

Reflecting also on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), participants were encouraged to identify and commit to tangible measures to strengthen the protection of internally displaced persons on the continent.

Representatives from the following states participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Regional IHL Seminar: Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Mauritius, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Participants focussed on specific aspects of the Global Study on Children deprived of Liberty, namely:

- Children deprived of liberty in the administration of justice
- Children deprived of liberty in migration related detention
- Children living in prisons with their primary caregivers
- Children deprived of liberty in institutions
- Children deprived of liberty in armed conflict and due to national security

It is hoped that the UN Global Study, which is in need of a comprehensive follow up by the international community, will contribute to the ultimate goal of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 to leave no one behind, and in particular, to leave no child behind bars.

the administration of justice and child participation and to provide an opportunity to consider implementation of the Global Study at the national level. Statements of the SADC Government Representatives were made on the status and progress regarding deprivation of the liberty of Children, best practices within their respective countries and plans on implementing the Global Study recommendations



Keynote speakers at the event: Deputy Minister Candith Mashego-Dlamini



# USEFUL GREETINGS

Olá	Hello
Bom dia!	Good morning!
Boa tarde!	Good afternoon!
Boa noite!	Good evening!
Boa viagem!	Have a safe journey!
Muito obrigado (a)	Thank you very much
Seja bem vindo / De nada	You are welcome
Até logo	See you later
Até amanhã	See you tomorrow
Adeus	Goodbye
Que bom vê-lo novamente	Nice to see you again
De onde és?	Where are you from?
Sou da África de Sul	I am from South Africa
Como se chamas?	What is your name?
Chamo-me Ronaldo	My name is Ronaldo
Trabalho na Embaixada Sul Africana	I work at the South African Embassy
Sou diplomata	I am a diplomat

# THE BASICS

The Portuguese language is one of the most important spoken around the world today. Not only is it the sixth most spoken language in the world, but it also has a presence on almost all of the continents. Here are some intriguing facts about this amazing language.

It is a common misconception that Portuguese is only spoken in Portugal and Brazil. In fact, it is the official language in nine different countries: Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Timor-Leste, Equatorial Guinea, Cape Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe. Furthermore, Portuguese is the official language of the Chinese autonomous territory of Macau.

As the Islamic Moors from North Africa and the Middle East conquered Portugal and Spain in the eighth century, a form of Arabic was the official language of the Iberian Peninsula until the Reconquista of the 13th century. As a result, the Portuguese language underwent a heavy influence from Arabic, and many words of Arabic origin remain in everyday parlance, including almofada (cushion), azeitona (olive), and garrafa (bottle).

While English's "antidisestablishmentarianism" has 28 letters, Portuguese goes one better with anticonstitucionalíssimamente, which means "in a very unconstitutional way." It is the longest non-technical word in the Portuguese language, with 29 letters in total.

Portuguese for D.....Diplomats not Dummies.

Reservei um quarto dublo para a noite	I have booked a double room for the night
Eis aqui o meu passaporte	Here is my passport
A chave do meu quarto, por favor	My room keys please
Estámos cá para duas semanas	We are here for two weeks
Desejo pagar com um cartão de crédito	I would like to by credit card
Tem quartos disponíveis?	Do you have any rooms available?
Chama um táxi para mim, por favor	Please call a taxi for me
O preço inclui o pequeno almoço?	Does the price include breakfast?
Posso ter outra toalha?	May I have another towel?
Há um serviço de quarto?	Is room service available?
Tem mensagem para mim?	Are there any messages for me?
Podia recommender-me outro hotel nesta zona?	Can you recommend another hotel in this area?

## DEPUTY MINISTER BOTES LEADS SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION AT THE NINTH ACP SUMMIT

Deputy Minister Botes leads South African delegation at the Ninth African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Summit

The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Mr Alvin Botes, is leading a South African delegation at the Ninth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) taking place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 06 to 10 December 2019. The theme of the Summit is "A Transformed ACP: Committed to Multilateralism."

The Ninth ACP Summit is being preceded by the 110th Session of the ACP Council of Ministers today, 07 December 2019.

The ACP is one of the largest groupings of countries of the South. It was created by the Georgetown Agreement in 1975 (amended in 2003) and its 79 members comprise 48 Sub-Saharan States, as well as 15 Pacific and 16 Caribbean states.

The ACP's relations with the European Union (EU) have been governed by the Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA) which is due to expire in 2020. The Agreement is built on three pillars of (1) trade and economic cooperation, (2) development assistance (3) and political dialogue that focusses on issues such as human rights and democratic governance.

The ACP Group of States is currently undertaking negotiations with the EU on a new ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, which is envisaged to conclude in the first quarter of 2020.

It is expected that the 9th ACP Summit will note and endorse the progress thus far of the post-Cotonou negotiations for a new ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.

The Summit will also consider the adoption of the revised Georgetown Agreement. The Nairobi Declaration will be adopted by Heads of State and Government and will provide strategic political direction on ACP matters until the next Summit.



*Deputy Minister Alvin Botes with Ambassador Manelisi Genge, attending the ACP Summit*



*The ACP Heads of State and Government*



# GLOBE AT A GLIMPSE



Ambassador Anil Sooklal (middle) attending the 1st Foreign Office Consultations between Indonesia- South Africa, held in Nusa Dua - Bali Indonesia 06 Dec

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Diseko delivers the keynote address at the launch of the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty in Geneva. Ambassador will also deliver the pledge for the 30th commemoration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in presence of High Commissioner Bachelet.



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# INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

## NAME OF THE COURSE:

28<sup>th</sup> Advanced Diplomatic Course for Foreign Diplomats in Islamabad, Pakistan

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

The course will include Diplomacy, International Law, International Organisations, International Economics, International Politics, and Pakistan's Foreign Relations.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The overall purpose is to strengthen skills of mid-career diplomats and enable networking opportunities.

**DATE:** 3 February – 13 March 2020

**VENUE:** Islamabad, Pakistan

**TIME:** Full-time

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Line-function diplomats (between 35 and 45 years of age). **NOTE: SENDING BRANCH IS LIABLE FOR S&T TOP-UP ONLY (see attached docs).**

## APPLICATION FORMS ATTACHED:

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# UPCOMING

8 – 10 Jan	<b>Joint National Commission SA-India and the Raisina Dialogue</b>
14-17 Jan	<b>Minister participating in the Raisina Dialogue and the South Africa-India Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC)</b> New Delhi India