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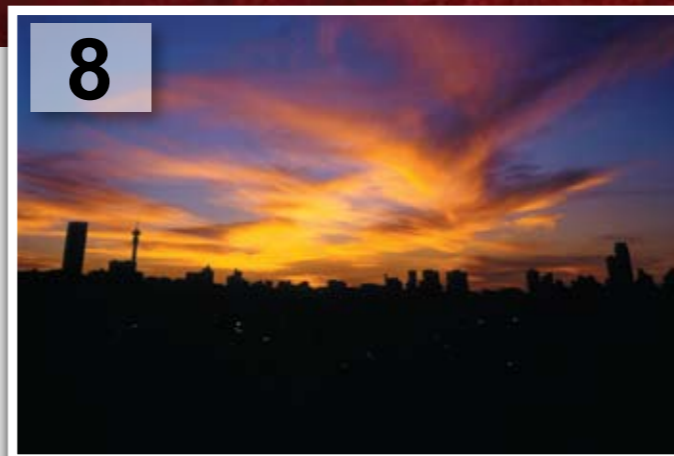
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## Letter from the Editor

Dear Diplomats,

**S**outh Africa inaugurated its fifth democratically elected President on 24 May 2014 in the Nelson Mandela Amphitheatre at the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Thousands of people attended the event and millions more viewed it on their television screens. The "cherry on the cake" was an incredible formation flypast of 19 aircraft, including the Silver Flacons, forming the shape of a "20" to mark South Africa's 20 years of freedom and democracy.

The amount of hard work and attention to detail that goes into an event such as the inauguration is immense and all DIRCO officials involved can pat themselves on the back for a job well done. The event was also broadcast live on DIRCO's award-winning Ubuntu Radio, which linked with 60 community radio stations countrywide.

Following the inauguration, President Jacob Zuma announced the new Cabinet who were sworn in at the Presidential Guesthouse on 26 May 2014. The President said the new executive – which includes new appointments in the minerals, energy, police and telecommunications portfolios – had been picked to drive economic transformation and restore foreign investor confidence by ensuring implementation and the impact of the National Development Plan.

DIRCO congratulated Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane who assumed the International Relations and Cooperation portfolio for a second term, and welcomed

its two new Deputy Ministers, Nomaindia Mfeketo and Lluwellyn Landers.

In a statement on 28 May, The Presidency explained that the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) was busy preparing proclamations that would abolish certain departments, establish new departments and rename other departments to align them with the reconfiguration announced by the President. In addition, the DPSA in collaboration with National Treasury and the Department of Public Works, had put in place structures to give effect to speedy implementation of the new Cabinet composition. The Presidency also announced that a Cabinet Lekgotla would be held mid-June to discuss, among other things, the Medium Term Strategic Framework for the next five years.

The diplomat team has received so many contributions from missions on their Freedom Day celebrations that additional space was allocated in this edition to ensure that we could publish most of the articles. Many missions will also have their 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy celebrations in the next few months and we encourage the submission of articles and pictures to [thediplomat@dirco.gov.za](mailto:thediplomat@dirco.gov.za).

Happy reading!

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# Did you now?

**1** South Africa participated in the Western Sahara International Film Festival, which took place from 29 April to 4 May 2014 in the Sahrawi refugee camps in South Western Algeria. It included a special tribute to Nelson Mandela as well as film screenings, workshops and a performance by South African musician Jonas Mosa Gwangwa. The festival hosted over 300 international participants as well as over 30 films from around the world.



**2** The Department of Arts and Culture recently conducted a sod-turning ceremony to launch the construction of the Sarah Baartman Centre of Memory. Situated at her burial site, the centre will honour and document the life of Baartman and the heritage of the Khoisan people.



**3** The Mitchells Plain Small Claims Court was recently opened. Currently, there are 293 established small claims courts across South Africa. The Small Claims Court allows one to institute minor civil claims in a speedy, affordable and simple manner without using an attorney. An amount not exceeding R15 000 can be claimed.



**4** The first South Africa-Malaysia Joint Committee Meeting on science, technology and innovation took place in Pretoria recently, following a memorandum of understanding that was signed on 23 April by the former South African Minister of Science and Technology, Derek Hanekom, and the Malaysian Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin.



**5** A team of South African students from the University of Cape Town (UCT) has won a People's Choice Award for their low-cost fire-detection device for shack-dwellers at the annual Global Social Venture Competition at the University of California, Berkeley, in the United States. The project was named one of the top five initiatives worldwide and won the award in the global round in April. They competed against hundreds of entries from around the world, beating 18 finalists in the last round.





# *Presidential*

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## INAUGURATION 2014





**S**outh Africa rolled out the red carpet for 29 heads of state, nine deputy and seven former heads of state, two monarchs and a host of other dignitaries at Jacob Zuma's inauguration for a second term as President of South Africa at the Union Buildings in Pretoria on Saturday,

24 May. Approximately 4 500 people were accommodated in the Nelson Mandela Amphitheatre at the Union Buildings, while up to 20 000 people gathered on the Southern Lawns to witness the event, which included aerial displays by the South African Air Force and performances by leading artists such as Mafikizolo, Zahara, Yvonne Chaka Chaka, Kurt Darren and Chomee.

Presidents Goodluck Jonathan (Nigeria), Uhuru Kenyatta (Kenya), Joseph Kabila (DRC), John Dramani Mahama (Ghana), Armando Guebuza (Mozambique) and Jakaya Kikwete (Tanzania) and Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Dessalegn, were among the list of heads of state.

Former presidents Joaquim Chissano (Mozambique) and Kenneth Kaunda (Zambia) also graced the occasion, along with Salim Ahmed Salim, the former Prime Minister of Tanzania and former chairperson of the African Union's (AU) forerunner, the Organisation of African Unity.

South Africa's BRICS partner countries were represented by Brazilian Vice-President Michel Temer, outgoing Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Chinese Home Affairs Minister Li Ligu, and Sergey Naryshkin, chairman of the State Duma of Russia's Federal Assembly.

AU Commission chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, and a representative of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, were among the guests.

– Source: [www.southafrica.info](http://www.southafrica.info) and [SAnews.gov.za](http://SAnews.gov.za)



# SOUTH AFRICA'S NEW CABINET

In a ceremony conducted at the Presidential Guesthouse, the new Cabinet members took an oath to serve the country on 26 May 2014. The proceedings got underway with President Jacob Zuma swearing in his Deputy, Cyril Ramaphosa.

Thereafter, each of the new leaders of the 2014 incoming administration were affirmed by Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, who was accompanied by Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, Justice Sisi Khampepe and Judge President Monica Leeuw.

The 35 ministers took the oath to perform their duties conscientiously and to the best of their abilities, with the secrecy and confidentiality required. They also vowed to be faithful to the Republic and to obey, observe, uphold and maintain the Constitution and laws of the country.



## Together we can move South Africa forward

Deputy President		Mr Cyril Ramaphosa	
MINISTERS			
The Minister in The Presidency	Mr Jeff Radebe	The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform	Mr Gugile Nkwinti
The Minister of Women in The Presidency	Ms Susan Shabangu	The Minister of Higher Education and Training	Dr Bonginkosi "Blade" Nzimande
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The Minister of Public Service and Administration	Mr Collins Chabane	The Minister of Transport	Ms Dipuo Peters
The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans	Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula	The Minister of Mineral Resources	Adv Ngoako Ramathlodi
The Minister of Home Affairs	Mr Malusi Gigaba	The Minister of Social Development	Ms Bathabile Dlamini
The Minister of Environmental Affairs	Ms Edna Molewa	The Minister of Public Enterprises	Ms Lyn Brown
The Minister of State Security	Mr David Mahlobo	The Minister of Sport and Recreation	Mr Fikile Mbalula
The Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services	Dr Siyabonga Cwele	The Minister of Labour	Ms Mildred Oliphant
The Minister of Police	Mr Nkosinathi Nhleko	The Minister of Arts and Culture	Mr Nathi Mthethwa
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The Minister of Finance	Mr Nhlanhla Nene	The Minister of Small Business Development	Ms Lindiwe Zulu
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The Minister of Water and Sanitation	Ms Nomvula Mokonyane	The Minister of Science and Technology	Ms Naledi Pandor
The Minister of Basic Education	Ms Angie Motshekga	The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Mr Pravin Gordhan
The Minister of Health	Dr Aaron Motsoaledi	The Minister of Communications	Ms Faith Muthambi
The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation	Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane	The Minister of Human Settlements	Ms Lindiwe Sisulu
		The Minister of Tourism	Mr Derek Hanekom

## DEPUTY MINISTERS

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements	Ms Zoe Kota-Hendricks
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The Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, responsible for traditional affairs	Mr Obed Bapela
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The Deputy Minister in The Presidency	Mr Buti Manamela
The Deputy Minister of Tourism	Ms Thokozile Xasa
The Deputy Minister of Health	Dr Joe Phaahla
The Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration	Ms Ayanda Dlodlo
The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs	Ms Fatima Chohan
The Deputy Minister of Public Enterprises	Mr Gratitude Magwanishe
The Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, responsible for the justice and constitutional development component	Mr John Jeffery
The Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, responsible for the correctional services portfolio	Mr Thabang Makwetla

The Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs	Barbara Thomson
The Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation	Mr Gert Oosthuizen
The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Mr Bheki Cele
The Deputy Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services	Ms Hlengiwe Mkhize
The Deputy Minister of State Security	Ms Ellen Molekane
The Deputy Minister of Police	Ms Maggie Sotyu
The Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry	Mr Mzwandile Masina
The Deputy Ministers of International Relations and Cooperation	Ms Nomaindia Mfeketo Mr Lluwellyn Landers
The Deputy Minister of Finance	Mr Mcebisi Jonas
The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation	Ms Pam Tshwete
The Deputy Ministers for Rural Development and Land Reform	Mr Mcebisi Skwatsha Ms Candith Mashego-Dlamini
The Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training	Mr Mduzuzi Manana
The Deputy Minister of Economic Development	Mr Madala Masuku
The Deputy Minister of Transport	Ms Sindi Chikunga
The Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources	Mr Godfrey Oliphant
The Deputy Minister of Social Development	Ms Henrietta Bogopane-Zulu
The Deputy Minister of Labour	Ms Inkosi Patekile Holomisa
The Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture	Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi
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The Deputy Minister of Small Business Development	Ms Elizabeth Thabethe
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Eastern Cape	Mr Phumulo Masualle
Free State	Mr Ace Magashule
Gauteng	Mr David Makhura
KwaZulu-Natal	Mr Senzo Mchunu
Limpopo	Mr Stanley Mathabatha
Mpumalanga	Mr David Mabuza
North West	Mr Supra Mahumapelo
Northern Cape	Ms Sylvia Lucas
Western Cape	Ms Helen Zille

# South Africa

an integrated, active member of the international community



By Curtis Singo  
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**T**his year, 2014, South Africa celebrates the 20th anniversary of freedom, which is a culmination of the first democratic elections held in April

1994.

It's alongside this background that on Saturday, 24 May 2014, we witnessed the inauguration of President Jacob Zuma. His inauguration for the second term was a defining moment which concluded the hard work of electoral preparations and processes that led to the successful fifth democratic elections on 7 May 2014.

These accomplishments manifestly put the South African flag to the international community's attention and was testament that indeed democracy was not a foreign concept in Africa. The manner in which these elections were conducted proves that South Africa is a fertile ground for conducting free and fair elections.

As the country, we have a good story to tell the international community that here on the southern tip of the African continent, democracy has been peacefully consolidated.

The success of the fifth democratic elections inevitably sent a clear message to the world that South Africans were ready to deepen the footsteps of democracy imprinted by our first democratic President, Nelson Mandela, and his liberation stalwarts 20 years ago.

South Africans find it important to exercise their democratic right to vote, because they understand well that such right was not achieved easy. This year's elections were quite interesting in that such a right to vote was also extended to a generation that had never voted before. This is the youth consisting of the children who were born after the dawn of democracy in 1994, the so-called "born frees".

As this new political era ushered in democracy, stability, peace and above all national reconciliation in a country that was on the verge of a civil war, the international community hailed South Africa's transition to democracy as a "miracle".

It is important as we celebrate the success of the fifth democratic elections, which coincided with the 20-year anniversary of democracy, that we also take time to reflect on the journey travelled thus far in the implementation of South Africa's foreign policy principles. We have to conduct such a reflection against the background of where we come from as a nation.

The democratic State's foreign policy emerged from a long history of international isolation due to racist policy. It is refreshing to note that the ushering in of democracy as a result of the demise of apartheid in 1994 also meant the change in the nature and outlook of South Africa's foreign policy.

South Africa became an integrated, active member of the international community after it existed as a pariah state for a long period. We saw our country playing an important place in the affairs of the African continent as well as in different international fora. Here in Africa, South Africa was a source of instability due to its destabilisation strategy, particularly in the Southern African Development Community region.

The emergence of democracy necessitated that South Africa should take its rightful place in the community of nations which came with high expectations shaped by our peaceful transition referred to as the "South African miracle" and the iconic status of President Mandela as a master of reconciliation, forgiveness and nation-building.

To a larger extent, foreign policy is an extension of domestic policy. Against this background, our foreign policy priority was to accelerate our reintegration into the international community and promote an international rules-based system through active and constructive participation in multilateral institutions and processes.

Cognisant of the reality that South Africa's future and well-being are linked to the prosperity of the African continent, the world has witnessed South Africa playing a role of peace-broker and mediator in conflicts that emerged in different African countries such as Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire and Sudan/South Sudan, to name few.

In essence, this emphasises our commitment to ensure the transformation of democratic process on the continent by using our transitional experience to move the country forward.

The democratic foreign policy didn't only confine us to bilateral engagements but deeply embraces multilateralism through institutions of global governance. In this regard, democracy presented us with opportunities to take a rightful position in the international community as envisaged by our greatest son, Madiba, who became the first democratically elected President of South Africa in 1994.

Few months before his election to Presidency, he said, "the time has come for

South Africa to take its deserved place in the community of nations".

Therefore, we have a footprint at the United Nations where we served at the Security Council (UNSC) twice from 2007 to 2008 and from 2011 to 2012 on a non-permanent basis. Our election to the council for the first in democratic history was an affirmation that indeed we were ready for our rightful position in international politics.

We are glad that our strong reputation and track-record as an "agent of change", after we chaired the Non-Aligned Movement, Commonwealth, African Union (AU), G77 and China shed innovation in the council.


This preceded our re-elections for our second term from 2011 to 2012, which we used as an opportunity to continue on the success of the 2007/08 UNSC term in promoting closer cooperation between the UNSC and the AU Peace and Security Council.

We used this opportunity to promote the view that greater strategic coordination between the two bodies would increase the effectiveness of the UNSC in addressing African conflict situations.

It is within this context that we would continue outside the Security Council to call for reform of the UNSC, which at present does not represent all regions of the globe, most importantly the African continent, bearing in mind that most of the issues discussed by the UNSC pertain to Africa.

The democratic foreign policy has also guided our interactions with the developing countries of the South through a strategic dialogue, India, Brazil, South Africa (IBSA), which is a unique model of transnational cooperation for the three countries and an important pillar for strengthening the muscle of the South in global affairs.

Our Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) membership is a reaffirmation to the founders of foreign policy that we are on course to our rightful position in the world and through BRICS, which is a reflection of our rising influence in the world, we will use our membership to promote regional integration and related infrastructure programmes.

It's quite evident that since the demise of apartheid and with the inception of democracy 20 years ago much has been done to transform the socio-economic opportunities of our people. Therefore, moving forward we will continue to build on our democracy to make sure South Africa and the continent are a better place. 



# National Day celebrations



## Gaborone



High Commissioner Lembede cutting the 20 Years of Freedom cake with Minister Skelemani

The South African High Commission in Botswana hosted its 20th Freedom Day celebrations on 29 April 2014 at the Gaborone Sun.

The Government of Botswana was represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Phandu Skelemani.

Minister Skelemani commended South Africa for its unrelenting commitment to building a truly non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and free society.

High Commissioner Mdu Lembede indicated that South Africa counted Botswana as its immediate

neighbour which sacrificed much and suffered tremendously in helping black South Africans defeat the apartheid system in achieving South Africa's independence. He mentioned that Botswana played a crucial role in assisting and protecting struggle leaders during the war for liberation.

Proceedings were led by Minister-Counsellor Mthembisi Mjikeliso.

The Botswana Defence Force Band provided entertainment.



## Hong Kong

The South African Consulate in Hong Kong is using every available avenue to promote the celebration of 20 Years of Freedom in South Africa. Consul-General Phumelele Gwala has become a common feature in newspapers, academic circles, and at events to tell South Africa's story.

In February 2014, the largest local English newspaper, the *South China Morning Post*, did a feature on Consul-General Gwala wherein she discussed her role as Consul-General and how it was only made possible by the struggle for freedom. She was interviewed along similar lines for the *Harbour Times* digital newspaper, which was released to coincide with Freedom Day celebrations in Hong Kong.

The Consul-General was also featured in *The Standard* newspaper – the largest English-language free newspaper in circulation in Hong Kong, to announce the 20 years celebration on 24 April 2014, the day the Consulate celebrated National Day. The Mission was supported in getting a double-page spread to mark this occasion through the participation of South African Airways and Naspers, which both took space in the paper to offer special congratulations to the country on this landmark event.

The National Day itself saw Hong Kong's Diplomatic Corps, government representatives, businesspeople and the South African community coming together to mark the occasion. The mood was festive with South African wine served with top-quality boerewors to the tunes of Brenda Fassie and Hugh Masekela!

Consul-General Gwala has kicked off a series of lectures regarding 20 years of freedom and South Africa today as



a business and investment destination. She addressed the Macau University of Science and Technology and the Canadian International School and several other such lectures are planned throughout the course of the year.

Consul-General Gwala was also asked by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) to deliver a speech at the Unesco Peace for All Youth Programme, which celebrates peacemakers, and to do a television interview on South Africa's peace message in recognition of the incredible transition the country went through without resorting to civil war.

The Hong Kong Mission will continue to actively promote the 20 years celebrations throughout the year, taking each opportunity to engage with the people on the ground to bring this message to them and to involve as many as possible in sharing this celebration with us!



## Kampala

The Mission hosted an event to commemorate Freedom Day in Kampala on 24 April 2014. The event was held at the Ndere Cultural Centre and was graced with a performance by the Soweto String Quartet – another one of the good stories that the High Commissioner could highlight about South Africa's 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy.

The Mission hosted the event in partnership with South African companies based in Uganda, notably Stanbic Bank (a subsidiary of the Standard Bank Group), MTN (Uganda), South African Airways, Nile Breweries (a subsidiary of SAB Miller), Karuka Agencies Ltd (the sole marketers, distributors and representatives of Robertson's wine) and MotoCare (a Danish supplier of Nissan vehicles and parts sourced from South Africa). The event was well received by all invited guests, including members of the Diplomatic Corps and Mission contacts in business, government, academia, media and community-based organisations.

The event was used to highlight and launch a series of other activities that would mark the celebration of 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy over the week of 6 to 14 June 2014. These were the South African Golf Day, the South Africa Business Exhibition and the South African Family Day. During that entire week, the Protea Kampala Hotel presented menus comprising typical South African culinary delights.



High Commissioner and Ms Qwelane with the Soweto String Quartet



## Windhoek



High Commissioner Myakayaka-Manzini (right) and Peya Mushelenga, Namibian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (left), cutting the Freedom Day birthday cake

According to the South African High Commissioner to Namibia, Yvette Myakayaka-Manzini, after 20 years as a free and democratic country, South Africa is a better place to live in than it was in 1994. The High Commissioner was speaking at an event at the Windhoek Country Club and Resort in Windhoek to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first democratic elections held in South Africa on 27 April 1994.

Recognising the sacrifices made by South Africans and the international community, particularly the frontline states and Nigeria, which suffered apartheid violence and economic strangle-hold, the High Commissioner stated that: "without these sacrifices we would not be celebrating this 20th anniversary. We thank all of you. Our freedom is yours too".

Since 1994, South Africa had made great strides in addressing the legacies left by more than three centuries of colonialism and apartheid in South Africa, said the High Commissioner. The new democratic Government in 1994 had put in place a solid and vibrant constitutional democracy, and progress was being made in achieving the reconstruction and development priorities of growing the economy, improving access to education, fighting poverty, creating employment, promoting rural development and fighting crime and corruption.

The track record of the Government, both its successes and challenges, are outlined in the recently released *South Africa Twenty Year Review, 1994 to 2014*, which confirms that South Africa has a good story to tell and that it is a much better place to live now than it was before 1994. The High Commissioner cited achievements such as the complete overhaul of the macro-economic and fiscal management of the economy, the allocation of more than R800 billion for infrastructure development, prioritisation of building an inclusive and progressive education system, and poverty eradication programmes by extending social benefits to vulnerable groups and the delivery of housing, healthcare, water and electricity to the people. A major challenge for the country going forward is economic empowerment, rural development and expanding land ownership.

South Africa's foreign policy has also come of age from isolation to occupying centre stage in world affairs. Its reach is extensive through its diplomatic presence in the world, and especially the prioritisation of Africa and the strengthening of the Southern African Development Community and the African Union as vehicles for the regeneration of Africa. So too, had South Africa's bilateral relations with Namibia "grown in leaps and bounds" through the elevation of relations to the level of heads of state under the South Africa-Namibia Bi-National Commission, said High Commissioner Myakayaka-Manzini.

## Bucharest



Ambassador TE Mtintso and Deputy-Minister Bogdan Stanoevici delivered speeches at the 20 Years of Freedom celebrations on 25 April 2014 at the Hilton Hotel in Romania. The event was attended by more than 200 people

## Algiers



Pictured at the occasion of South Africa's 20th Freedom Day celebrations in Algiers, Algeria, are (middle) Ambassador Joseph Kotane with South African Embassy staff and families at the Hilton Hotel on 27 April 2014

# Manila



Participants of the Northern Cape Tourism Seminar held on 24 April 2014

The 20th Freedom Day celebrations commenced on 24 April 2014 with trade meetings of the Orange River Cellars with potential buyers and a tourism seminar. The latter was held at the Embassy Boardroom by the Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DETC) in cooperation with Conrad Mouton of Aukwatowa Tours, and was attended by selected Philippines' travel agents and tour operators.

The main celebration was held on 25 April 2014 at Makati Shangri-La Rizal Ballroom. In attendance were members of the diplomatic community, South Africans, members of the African Diaspora, media, business-people and various organisations. The success of the event is attributable to:

- DETC sponsoring the Namjive traditional dancers and two diamonds for raffling
- South African Airways for the two return tickets from Hong Kong for the raffle
- Gold Fields for sponsoring Baby-M's performance
- Aspen Pharma-care Philippines for the Valda Pastilles
- Ralph Wines for discounted wines
- Federated Distributors for the Ceres and Premier Wines and Spirits for Amarula
- the Orange River Cellars for their wine brands.

The two dance groups showed the diversity of cultures and dance that characterises our country. This was also the first time that the Freedom Day in Manila was graced by traditional dancers from South Africa and Kimberley diamonds were raffled. Both these activities took the celebrations to a different level of excitement. All guests

went home with South African goodies packed in a zebra bag to remind them of our wonderful country.



The Namjive dancers teaching Ambassador Agnes Nyamande-Pitso and DFA Undersecretary Evan Garcia the jive

As a continuation of the celebrations, the Namjive dancers also performed at the Robinsons Magnolia Mall on 26 April 2014, much to the delight of weekend shoppers. This was a perfect ending to the Embassy's three-day 20th Freedom Day celebrations.



The Namjive dancers during their mall performance on 26 April 2014

# Seoul



Ambassador Dennis giving the keynote address. On the left is Shin Dong-ik, Deputy Minister of Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Mission in Seoul, South Korea, celebrated South Africa's 20 Years Freedom on 25 April 2014. About 200 guests attended the event, representing the Diplomatic Corps, government, business and civil society. Shin Dong-ik, Deputy Minister of Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented the Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK). Two South African violinists entertained the guests during the occasion.

The Ambassador of South Africa to the ROK, Hilton Dennis, gave a keynote speech. In his address, Ambassador Dennis mentioned that the year 2014 marked 20 years of freedom and democracy which had brought about economic progress and the challenges that the country still faced amid the persistent economic disparities.

In response, Deputy Minister Shin Dong-ik acknowledged the path travelled by South Africa since 1994's first democratic elections, under former President Nelson Mandela who pursued harmony on the basis of reconciliation and forgiveness. He quoted the late President Mandela: "the greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall".

"These words of wisdom speak to the very hearts of the people of Korea and South Africa, as our two countries underwent a long, painful journey towards democracy and freedom – two core values the two countries now share", said Deputy Minister Dong-ik

In conclusion, he asserted that he hoped Korea and South Africa would have high growth rates and would strengthen bilateral cooperative relations, and in this manner contribute to global peace and prosperity.

Cordial relations with the ROK afford South Africa the opportunity to expand cooperation in fields such as skills development, transfer of technology, rural development, beneficiation of minerals, energy and direct investment in plants of South Korean companies.



# São Paulo



Consul-General Dube delivering the keynote remarks

The South African Consulate-General in São Paulo held its Freedom Day celebration on 29 April 2014. Invitees included members of the São Paulo State Government and Municipality, consulates-general based in São Paulo, Brazilian and South African businesspeople, academics, the South African community based in São Paulo and partners such as South African Tourism and South African Airways. Consul-General Mmaikeletsi Dube highlighted the achievements that had provided the basis for the realisation of a democratic, non-racial, non-sexist, united and prosperous South African society. The event provided a good platform to broadly share the good story of South Africa's 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy.

As the date for the staging of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament in Brazil drew nearer, Consul-General Dube used this platform to reiterate South Africa's continued support with its preparations and wished the Brazilian Government and its people every success with the hosting of this magnificent global event.

The Freedom Day reception was a great success, measured not only by the number of people who attended but by the many messages of camaraderie received from guests who also represented many countries. The

South African ambience on the day was consolidated by the serving of traditional dishes such as samoosas, chakalaka, mogodu, tsohlo, bobotie, umngqushu, custard and jelly, South African wines and dancing to South Africa's famous old-time melodies such as *Pata Pata*.



Consul-General Dube with members of the South African Consulate-General

# Tokyo



Embassy staff

On 25 April, the Mission celebrated Freedom Day at the Meiji Kinenkan, a historical venue dating back to the Meiji Emperor era. Approximately 400 guests attended the reception, among them, the Parliamentary Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hirotaka Ishihara, who delivered a speech on behalf of the Japanese Government.

The Mission officially launched its 20th Anniversary Programme. A range of activities are being planned by the Embassy in celebration of this occasion. In addition, the Mission appointed 20-year anniversary ambassadors, who are individuals who have promoted people-to-people interactions between South Africa and

Japan through selfless contributions in various fields, including the Anti-Apartheid Movement; arts and culture; science and technology; dialogue; diamond jewellery; tourism; wine; rugby; food; and the Comrades Marathon. They joined Ambassador Mohau Pheko on stage for a ribbon and cake-cutting ceremony. The role of the ambassadors will be to collaborate with the Embassy in the area that they have been appointed in during the 20-year anniversary period.

Anant Singh, the producer of the movie *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*, was a guest at the reception and he introduced the trailer of the movie to the delight of the audience.

Brasilia



Ambassador Cordeiro and Ambassador Mbete

The Freedom Day celebrations in Brasilia were held on 5 May 2014. We were honoured by the presence of 300 guests, among them several high-profile representatives of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, including the Under-Secretary General for Africa and the Middle East of the Itamaraty, Ambassador Paulo Cordeiro, and the Brazilian Minister for the Promotion of Racial Equality, Luiza Bairos.

In his speech, Ambassador Mphakama Mbete spoke of the close relationship that existed between South Africa and Brazil and also reflected on the importance that South Africa attached to the strategic value of Brazil as a partner in the South. He also spoke of the significant developments that had taken place in the area of defence in the past 14 months, namely the establishment of the South Africa-Brazil Defence Committee in March 2013, the visits of the chiefs of services of the South African National Defence Force to Brazil, and the successful visit of Minister Celso Amorim to South Africa in March 2014.

In keeping with the theme for this year's celebration, "South Africa – A Better Place to Live in", Ambassador Mbete considered the great strides that South Africa had taken in the last 20 years, and also reiterated the pride of

all South Africans in having "achieved the primary objective of our struggle, achieving freedom and democracy with human rights and human dignity for all South Africans, irrespective of race, gender or religious affiliation".

Ambassador Mbete also reflected on the contribution made by former President Nelson Mandela, saying that: "we are immensely indebted to former President Mandela for all his sacrifices and for his unwavering commitment to making South Africa the rainbow nation that it is today. Madiba, as he was fondly known, left us the gifts of freedom, democracy and respect for one another. It is up to all South Africans to continue to walk in his footsteps and to emulate his shining example."

In his reflection of the importance and significance of the 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy, Ambassador Mbete also made mention of the year-long celebrations that would be taking place at all South African missions across the globe.

Ambassador Mbete concluded his address by referring to South Africa's unwavering commitment to continue striving for a united and prosperous South Africa, and its desire to contribute towards a better Africa and a better world for all.



Luanda



Lt Colonel Bareng Tsikang greeting the Ambassador of Namibia at the South African National Day. Also in the picture, Pamela Tsikang and Solly Phasha of the SA Embassy to Luanda

The South African Embassy to Angola celebrated 20 Years of Freedom on 24 April 2014 at the South African Chancery in Luanda. The event was attended by over 200 people: South African nationals living and working in Angola, the Diplomatic Corps, various Angolan government officials, representatives from South African companies in Angola and local

media. The purpose of the event was to highlight South Africa's achievements since 1994, as well as reflect on the bilateral relations between Angola and South Africa, especially with regard to our growing economic relations. The guests were treated to a live performance from the Afro-Tenors who made the event even more memorable.

# Tunis



On 29 April 2014, the Mission in Tunis hosted the Maghreb Region premiere of the film *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* at the Carthage Thalasso Resort in association with Audi. The event was preceded by a cocktail for our Tunisian friends from the business, culture, tourism and government sectors as well as the Diplomatic Corps. The special guest of honour was Nilesh Singh of Videovision Entertainment, one of the associate producers of the film.

The Tunisian premiere had special significance as Madiba visited the country in 1962, two years before he began his 27 years of imprisonment in order to secure support for the freedom struggle in South Africa and met then President, Habib Bourguiba, of Tunisia who advised him on "methods and tactics" to be employed in the struggle. Hajer Bourguiba, President Bourguiba's daughter also attended the premiere. Several ministers and secretaries of state attended as well as the heads of political parties. The Mission was honoured to count the President of Tunisia, Moncef Marzouki, among its guests.

Speaking at the premiere, President Marzouki said, "When I refer to Nelson Mandela, I call him, like South Africans do – Madiba, because Madiba has been, and still is, my spiritual father. I owe him everything I know. We are going to watch the film *Mandela: Long Walk To*

*Freedom* tonight, and I have read the book three times, and I will probably read it again and again, because there are so many things to learn from this great man. Let's be proud of Nelson Mandela. He belongs not only to South Africa, but to all mankind, and of course, he belongs to all of us, he belongs to Tunisia as much as he belongs to South Africa. You can be proud of this man, we are proud of him. To respect his legacy is not to just talk about him, but to do everything we can to follow his path."

The film was then shown to 400 invited guests who left with a deep sense of emotion and admiration for our former President.



# Athens

On 5 May 2014, the South African Embassy in Athens hosted the National Day at the gardens of the Official Residence. Diplomatic missions, honorary consulates accredited to the Hellenic Republic, Hellenic Government, business representatives and friends of South Africa were invited to the celebration. The National Day celebration was combined with the 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy celebration.

In his opening speech, Ambassador Makgetla mentioned that this year marked 20 years since the dawn of freedom and democracy in our country. The first and historic democratic elections that were held on 27 April 1994 decisively marked the end of over 300 years of colonial and white minority rule.

Ambassador Makgetla further mentioned that the night's National Day celebration was celebrated with the first event in 2014 as part of a broader programme of 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy which would be coordinated by the Embassy and communities in Athens. On 13 June 2014, the Embassy hosted a storytelling event at the Official Residence. It was an event of reminiscence by South Africans and Greeks on their experience of 20 years of democracy in South Africa.

On 24 September 2014, the Embassy will host a Heritage Day event, celebrating South Africa's democracy and cultural diversity while 5 December 2014 will see the culmination of a Youth Awareness and Promotion Programme consisting of a School Essay Writing Competition between 13 International



Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa, Sophonia Rapulane Makgetla (left), Amb Sotiris Mousouris, President of the Hellenic-Africa Chamber of Commerce and Development (far left), Veronica Choma, Attaché South African Embassy (centre), and Ambassador of Mexico, Tarcisio Navarrete-Montes de Oca (right)

Baccalaureate Schools in Athens as further expression of the celebration of 20 years of democracy in South Africa.

The celebration was full of activities that included performances from the Mandela Gals cultural group to a live performance by the singer Patricia Abrahams. After the Ambassador's speech and musical performances, the guests were treated to a variety of South African food.



Mandela Gals

## Conakry



Ambassador NM Sibanda-Thusi, South African Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, celebrating the 20th anniversary of Freedom Day along with Mission personnel

The South African Mission in the Republic of Guinea held the 20 Years of Freedom Day celebrations on Friday, 25 April 2014, at the Riviera Royal Hotel, Conakry.

The event was officiated by the South African Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Nomasonto Maria Sibanda-Thusi. The Guinean Government was represented by Sanoussy Bantana Sow, Delegate Minister of Expatriate Guineans (Deputy Minister) who was the Guest of Honour. Minister Sow was accompanied by a number of senior government officials.

Present were members of the Diplomatic Corps, international organisations' representatives, and political, economic, social and cultural strategic partners of the Mission. The Mission used the event to highlight the historical and cordial relations existing between the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Guinea. The Mission reminded and informed the audience about the moral, political and international support and solidarity it received from the people of Guinea, the African continent and the world at large, especially the internationally organised Solidarity Movement. The Guinea Government reciprocated through its official statement accordingly.

The Mission communicated and shared the achievements of the 20 Years of Freedom of the Republic of South Africa. These were in the domain of South Africa's revered Constitution, dedication to National Flag and other national symbols, democratic institutions, economy, education, health, etc.

The Mission elevated its Economic Diplomacy activities in Guinea with the focus on the recently held successful Second South Africa-Guinea Business Forum held from 24 to 25 April 2014 at the Riviera Royal Hotel. This event was held back to back with the 20 Years of Freedom Day Celebration on 25 April 2014.

The Mission presented the participating companies resident in Guinea such as MTN, AngloGold Ashanti, ALUFER Mining, WBHO, WaymarkInfoTech represented by its Guinean counterpart SABARI Technologies, Global Outdoors System, ContiPrint and Mosmart.

The Second Business Forum attracted the attention of other strategic South African and Guinean companies such as African Rainbow Minerals (ARM), Chancellor House Holdings (Pty) Ltd, GUITER, and KEBO Groupe, Guinee Games, TelSoftlutions and Skyvision, to name but a few. It is further important for the Mission to mention that the presence of the South African business community was aggressively visible and showed confidence in wanting to do business with the Republic of Guinea.

The 20 Years of Freedom celebrations were very well received by the public in Guinea as it was broadly publicised by the Mission through mass media, radio, e-media, print media and two local TV stations, including the public broadcaster RTG as well as the Mission Facebook and Business Forum Website.

## South Africans voting in Bangkok



# WORD PUZZLE

Test your general knowledge

M	D	U	L	E	M	B	E	D	E	T	Z	O	Y	J	W	G	D	S
P	E	L	I	N	D	A	B	A	S	T	K	M	Y	D	R	Q	O	J
I	M	R	T	T	N	X	K	E	B	E	N	R	R	L	V	W	T	M
S	H	Y	Z	P	T	A	R	Q	H	M	K	Z	Q	W	E	X	Z	B
U	I	Y	A	T	D	A	M	P	P	A	L	N	R	T	Q	D	Q	Y
H	L	M	B	K	H	D	U	T	N	M	O	D	O	N	N	L	D	R
T	T	Z	A	C	A	A	E	O	R	R	D	S	D	B	X	R	D	R
P	O	T	U	N	H	Y	C	R	T	A	T	T	P	R	T	N	Y	Y
A	N	B	H	O	D	H	A	H	E	R	A	T	R	T	K	Y	L	B
D	D	L	M	E	Y	E	G	K	I	K	Z	B	L	C	V	M	B	M
N	E	Z	G	Y	S	S	L	N	A	Y	H	U	H	U	T	B	M	P
A	N	D	B	N	O	T	G	A	I	L	L	A	T	A	N	W	D	W
B	N	N	D	U	T	Q	A	K	G	S	M	B	N	N	R	2	9	3
I	I	G	T	N	U	P	V	N	V	A	T	A	R	E	U	A	K	P
S	S	H	1	A	X	J	D	D	D	R	L	N	N	A	K	B	S	D
N	D	9	R	X	L	G	J	Y	Q	A	N	S	A	Z	Z	O	U	Z
M	9	T	V	L	P	Z	V	R	B	N	R	R	Z	N	I	I	M	V
4	E	X	R	Q	Z	K	P	W	Y	V	D	D	N	P	A	N	L	V
T	D	R	K	T	T	Z	N	D	M	B	J	L	R	Y	M	B	I	Y

## Clues:

Look for the answers to these questions in the word puzzle above. Answers appear from left to right, right to left, horizontal, diagonal and vertical.

- Ambassador of South Africa to the ROK (Two words)
- The largest English-language free newspaper in circulation in Hong Kong (Two words)
- Host of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament
- The capital of Romania
- Famous Khoikhoi woman who was displayed around Britain in the 1800s as a "scientific freak" (Two words)
- South African High Commissioner to Namibia (Surname, hyphenated)
- This group performed at the 20 Year celebrations in Kampala, Uganda (Three words)
- Students from this university won a People's Choice Award at the annual Global Social Venture Competition (Abbreviation)
- South African Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea (Surname, hyphenated)
- Producer of the movie *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* (Two words)
- The SA President chairs the ...-... Road and Rail Development Corridor Project (Two words, hyphenated)
- South Africa was instrumental in establishing the African-Nuclear-Weapon Free Zone through the Treaty of ...
- Number of established small claims courts across South Africa
- Capital of Guinea
- Former SA Minister of Science and Technology (Two words)
- SA Ambassador to Japan (Two words)
- South Africa's foreign policy is inspired by the notion of ...
- South Africa joined the Organisation of African Unity in this year
- SA High Commissioner to Botswana (Two words)
- This cultural group performed at the National Day celebrations in Athens (Two words)

## Sudoku

See solutions on inner back cover

1	3	7		8	6
			1		2
	8	4	9	3	
	4	1	3	6	8
		5	8		
1			9	5	
3	1			9	
7	6	9		4	
					3



## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE



### NUESTRA BANDERA

- El autor de nuestra actual bandera se llama Frederick Brownell (actual = current)
- Nuestra actual bandera flameó por primera vez el 27 de abril de 1994 (Día de la Libertad)
- Su diseño representa la convergencia de los diversos elementos que conforman la sociedad sudafricana. Cuando fue diseñada, se especificó claramente que los colores no tenían ningún significado o simbolismo
- El diseño consiste de dos bandas horizontales: **rojo** (arriba) y **azul** (abajo), separadas en el centro por una banda **verde** en forma de "Y" horizontal.
- Los brazos de esta "Y" terminan en las esquinas de la parte izquierda de la bandera. La "Y" rodea un triángulo **negro**. Dos bandas delgadas de color **amarillo** separan la "Y" del triángulo.
- Dos bandas blancas delgadas separan las bandas **roja** y **azul** de la banda **verde** y sus brazos.

### Los colores en español

<b>Rojo</b>	<i>Red</i>
<b>Amarillo</b>	<i>Yellow</i>
<b>Verde</b>	<i>Green</i>
<b>Azul</b>	<i>Blue</i>
<b>Celeste</b>	<i>Light-blue</i>
<b>Blanco</b>	<i>White</i>
<b>Negro</b>	<i>Black</i>
<b>Rosado</b>	<i>Pink</i>
<b>Morado/Púrpura</b>	<i>Purple</i>
<b>Marrón</b>	<i>Brown</i>
<b>Gris</b>	<i>Grey</i>

### Los números en español

<b>uno</b>	<b>dos</b>	<b>tres</b>	<b>cuatro</b>	<b>cinco</b>	<b>seis</b>	<b>siete</b>	<b>ocho</b>	<b>nueve</b>	<b>diez</b>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>once</b>	<b>doce</b>	<b>trece</b>	<b>catorce</b>	<b>quince</b>					
11	12	13	14	15					
<b>dieciséis</b>	<b>diecisiete</b>	<b>dieciocho</b>	<b>diecinueve</b>						
16	17	18	19						
<b>veinte</b>	<i>veintiuno</i>	<i>veintidós</i>	<i>veintitrés</i>	<i>veinticuatro</i>	<i>veinticinco</i>				
20	21	22	23	24	25				
<b>treinta</b>	<i>treinta y uno</i>	<i>treinta y dos</i>	<i>treinta y tres</i>	<i>treinta y cuatro</i>					
30	31	32	33	34					
<b>cuarenta</b>	<i>cuarenta y uno</i>	<i>cuarenta y dos</i>	<i>cuarenta y tres</i>						
40	41	42	43						
<b>cincuenta</b>	<b>sesenta</b>	<b>setenta</b>	<b>ochenta</b>	<b>noventa</b>					
50	60	70	80	90					
<b>cien</b>	<i>ciento uno</i>	<i>ciento dos</i>	<i>ciento diez</i>	<i>ciento cincuenta</i>					
100	101	102	110	150					
<b>doscientos</b>	<b>trescientos</b>	<b>cuatrocientos</b>	<b>quinientos</b>	<b>seiscientos</b>					
200	300	400	500	600					
<b>setecientos</b>	<b>ochocientos</b>	<b>novecientos</b>	<b>mil</b>						
700	800	900	1000						
<b>diez mil</b>	<b>cien mil</b>	<b>un millón</b>	<b>dos millones</b>						
10.000	100.000	1.000.000	2.000.000						

### Los meses en español

<b>enero</b>	<i>febrero</i>	<i>marzo</i>	<i>abril</i>	<i>mayo</i>	<i>junio</i>
<b>julio</b>	<i>agosto</i>	<i>septiembre</i>	<i>octubre</i>	<i>noviembre</i>	<i>diciembre</i>



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