



PRESIDENTS ZUMA AND TRUMP REAFFIRM COMMITMENT AND COOPERATION

President Zuma congratulated President Trump on his election as the 45th President of the United States of America (USA).

President Jacob Zuma and President Donald Trump of the USA held a telephone conversation on 13 February 2017, at the request of President Trump.

The two presidents reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the already strong bilateral relations between the two countries. There are 600 US companies in South Africa and strong trade relations between the two countries.

The two presidents also discussed the need to work together on multilateral issues, especially the quest for peace and stability on the African continent.

PRESIDENT ZUMA CONGRATULATES THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA

President Zuma expressed his commitment to continue working closely with President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo to enhance the bilateral relations between South Africa and Somalia.



On behalf of the Government and the people of South Africa, President Jacob Zuma has congratulated President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo on his election as President of Somalia, following the Presidential Elections held on 8 February 2017.

President Zuma furthermore commended all other candidates who immediately accepted the results, thus showing commitment to democratic principles amid attacks by destabilising forces during the weeks preceding the elections.

President Zuma further congratulated the people of Somalia for conducting a credible and fair election.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA RECEIVES AND WELCOMES THE RETURN OF EXILED LESOTHO OPPOSITION LEADERS BACK TO MASERU

The return of the three opposition leaders back to Lesotho is a culmination of decisions of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Double Troika Summit, held in Gaborone, Botswana, in June 2016, which mandated Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, among others, to facilitate the return from South Africa of opposition political party leaders back to the Kingdom of Lesotho.



SADC facilitator and South Africa's Deputy President, Ramaphosa, paid a Working Visit to Maseru on 12 February 2017, to welcome the three returning exiled Lesotho opposition political party leaders, including former Prime Minister Tom Thabane, Theselle Maseribane and Keketso Rantsho back to the Kingdom of Lesotho. Deputy President Ramaphosa was supported by members of the SADC Oversight Committee.

The Deputy President also assessed progress regarding the constitutional and security-sector reforms and the implementation of recommendations of the Phumaphi Commission of Inquiry.

Deputy President Ramaphosa paid a courtesy call on His Majesty King Letsie III, held bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Phakalitha Mosisili, and held meetings with government coalition party leaders, opposition party leaders, Council of Churches of Lesotho, non-governmental organisation sector and representatives of the College of Chiefs.

SA, EU TALK TRADE

South Africa's Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries have met with the Ambassador of the European Union (EU), Dr Marcus Cornaro, to discuss bilateral trade relations.



The meeting took place in the context of the entry into force of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the EU and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) EPA group in October 2016.

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Rob Davies; and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Senzeni Zokwana; agreed that the EPA marked the strengthening of investment relations between South Africa and the EU. The relevance of the EPA was emphasised in the 2017 State of the Nation Address that was delivered by President Jacob Zuma on 9 February.

The ministers and Dr Cornaro discussed the crisis in the domestic poultry industry. Some poultry producers have announced major retrenchment plans amid concerns of the import rate of poultry products from other countries.

"The ministers emphasised the importance of the poultry sector to rural development and the revitalisation of the agriculture and agro-processing value chain. The ministers highlighted the measures implemented by government to date, which aimed to address the challenges facing the industry in totality," said the Department of Trade and Industry (dti).

The meeting recognised the crisis in the poultry industry as being complex and thus offered a platform to exchange views on the challenges faced by the industry, which included structural and competitiveness issues, as well as increased imports.

Dr Cornaro said the EU was of the view that the crisis was caused more by the structural challenges affecting the poultry sector rather than EU imports. He also expressed the EU's support for the restructuring of the industry. He said exports of South African poultry to the EU were an opportunity which should be pursued. Both parties expressed goodwill to help facilitate market access and to enhance their cooperation on sanitary and phytosanitary issues.

The EU and South Africa are further committed to engage in outreach activities, sectors analyses, tackling trade barriers and smoothing trade flows to help business take full advantage of the EPA. Both parties acknowledged that 2016 was a very good year, with bilateral volumes of exports increasing on both sides. This is expected to improve this year, in view of the number of new opportunities created by the EPA. Meanwhile, the dti last month announced that a task team set up to deal with challenges in the domestic poultry industry had made progress since its inception. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

MINISTER URGES INVESTORS TO LOOK SOUTH

The Minister in The Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Jeff Radebe, has urged investors to partner with government and invest in the country, saying South Africa is a stable country.



The Minister said this on the sidelines of the Invest in Africa Conference in Bishopscourt, in Cape Town, recently.

Invest Africa was founded in 2013 as a platform for business leaders, investors and entrepreneurs to gain insight and exposure to information and opportunities from Africa.

“The National Development Plan (NDP) is properly anchored in South Africa and builds on a notion of a public-private partnership. Government alone cannot be able to succeed without the private sector and all the important stakeholders of our country.

“The NDP has been approved and endorsed by our government, but more importantly, the private sector itself.

“We invite you all as investors to join us in this journey to help build a South Africa that is united, a South Africa that is stronger but more importantly, a South Africa that is prosperous. South Africa is open for business, for partnership, for development, for common prosperity of all,” he said.

The Minister said while South Africa was faced with a sluggish economy that was hit by domestic issues like drought, as well as global events like the drop in commodity prices, the country was turning the corner.

“You may like to know why we like you as investors to come to South Africa.

“Firstly, you may be aware of the sluggish economic growth that we are facing with the projected 1,3% growth in 2017.

“But as the South African Government, we are deeply committed to do the right things – to support investment and confidence. This will ensure that our economic recovery is more rapid. The infrastructure investment – mainly in energy, transport and telecommunications – is going to be accelerated going forward.

“Our message to you this evening as investors is that we are a stable country with stable and sustainable public finances; the reforms that we are doing in the economy, all those are anchored around our plan for this Vision 2030,” he said.

The Minister said the NDP was one of those blueprints that could be able to propel us to the South Africa that we desired by the year 2030. He said partnerships that had been forged between government and the private sector had seen an influx of investments in key regions in the country, including investments in natural gas in Richards Bay in KwaZulu-Natal, and in Coega in the Eastern Cape, among others.

Minister Radebe later interacted with a network of decision-makers at top global organisations, fund managers, private investors, family offices, entrepreneurs and policy-makers all with a common interest in Africa.

Mark Simmonds, the Chairperson of the Invest Africa Advisory Board, who is also an ex United Kingdom Minister for Africa, said the Minister’s comments about investment prospects in the country were very encouraging.

“It is very encouraging hearing the appetite to facilitate greater inward investment – both here in South Africa but also on the rest of the continent.

“There is no question in my mind that the future is attracting the private sector to help create jobs for Africans,” he said.
– Source: SAnews.gov.za



SA, ZAMBIA CEMENT CULTURAL RELATIONS

The visit was also intended to strengthen collaboration on the Africa Month programme of activities that takes place in May to commemorate the formation of the Organisation of African Unity.

The Minister of Arts and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa, was recently in Zambia to strengthen cultural relations with that country's Tourism and Arts Minister, Charles Banda.

Minister Mthethwa held discussions on bilateral cultural relations between the two countries during his two-day visit.

Relations between South Africa and Zambia were concretised during the liberation struggle when Zambia supported freedom fighters from South Africa.

"Formal relations were established in 1992 at the level of representative offices and later upgraded to full diplomatic missions in 1994.

"These relations between the two countries were further enhanced during reciprocal state visits in 2009 by President Jacob Zuma to Zambia, and in 2010 by former President Rupiah Banda to South Africa," the Department of Arts and Culture said.

The visit also strengthened cooperation on liberation heritage as part of work on the Liberation Heritage Route. The route identifies and recognises sites of historical significance in bringing freedom to South Africa.

"As South Africa marks the centenary of the birth of the great revolutionary leader, African National Congress President Oliver Reginald Tambo, the OR Tambo Centenary programme will also come under discussion.

"Minister Mthethwa will visit Oliver Tambo House in Chelstone and other landmarks of the liberation movement in exile," the Department of Arts and Culture said.

Minister Mthethwa also paid a visit to former Zambian President and Pan-Africanist, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, and visited Chilenje House 394, the place from which former President Kaunda directed the struggle for Zambia's independence. He visited Embassy Park for a wreath-laying ceremony at the graves of late presidents Michael Sata, Levy Mwanawasa and Frederick Chiluba. He also visited Leopards Hill gravesite to pay respect at the grave of the late barrister, activist and freedom fighter, Duma Nokwe. – Source: SAnews.gov.za



SOUTH AFRICA AND JAPAN CONCLUDE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN MINING

South Africa and Japan have concluded a cooperation agreement in mining during this year's annual Investing in African Mining Indaba.

The Minister of Mineral Resources, Mosebenzi Zwane, and his counterpart; the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, Hiroshige Seko, recently signed a cooperation agreement in mining – an important bilateral tool to assist the two countries to collaborate in a number of areas across the mining value chain.

The areas of cooperation include exploration and the creation of geo-scientific knowledge; reciprocal investments in South Africa and Japan based on mineral value chain integration; skills development; environmental issues; research and development; and clean coal technology.

"With the agreement, the two countries acknowledge that Japan, as an important consumer and investor, and South Africa, as a supplier of minerals and most importantly, a key participant in the mineral beneficiation value chain, have complementary interests in mining," Minister Zwane said.

"Our country cannot grow exclusively on the back of supplying raw minerals to other nations. It is in this context that we wish to invite Japanese companies to invest in South Africa's downstream mineral development industries, effectively manufacturing and beneficiation as well as production of goods and supply of requisite services," the Minister added.

Minister Zwane further said that the agreement would serve to strengthen the positive and long-standing political and economic ties to create mutually beneficial economic relations.

SOUTH AFRICA STRENGTHENS TOURISM TIES WITH IRAN

Minister Derek Hanekom recently paid a Working Visit to Iran at the invitation of his counterpart, Vice President Dr Zahra Ahmadipour, who is also the Head of the Iranian Cultural, Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organisation, to attend the 10th annual Tehran International Tourism Exhibition.



During the visit, Minister Hanekom held bilateral discussions with Dr Ahmadipour on growing tourism bilateral relations between the two countries. Minister Hanekom also engaged members of the tourism trade to discuss ways of increasing tourist arrivals from Iran to South Africa.

“We have a good base to work from and grow tourism between our countries,” said Minister Hanekom. “We have been very warmly received in Iran, and the Government and tourism trade have responded very positively to our effort to promote further tourism ties.”

Iran is among South Africa’s top three source markets for inbound tourists from the Middle East. More than 4 000 Iranian tourists visited South Africa between January and November 2016. South Africa is among the most popular destinations in the world for Muslim travellers, according to the MasterCard-Crescent Rating Global Muslim Travel Index for 2016, which covers 130 global destinations. About 117 million Muslim visitors travelled the world in 2015, representing 10% of the entire travel market. This is expected to grow to 168 million visitors by 2020, according to the index.

“South Africa and Iran already have a strategic partnership that will benefit the people of both our countries. The Department of Tourism is now working with our Iranian counterparts on finalising a Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism Cooperation,” said Minister Hanekom.

“We have a great opportunity to grow tourism between our countries, and we are working together with our Iranian counterparts to do this,” said Minister Hanekom.

GAUTENG AND GERMANY COOPERATE

“The signing of the Joint Declaration will advance and expand the frontiers of green logistics and mobility, particular as it relates to the freight sector in the Gauteng city-region,” said Vadi.



The Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport, Ismail Vadi, recently signed a Joint Declaration of Intent with Vice Minister, Gunther Adler, of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany, saying that it will enhance the collaboration and partnerships between Gauteng and Germany.

The German Federal Government has chosen South Africa, and Gauteng in particular, as the first country and region on the African continent to develop and implement the GLI:X Project, which stresses the importance of environmentally-friendly solutions and sustainable development, particularly in the field of freight logistics.

The project will engage scientific expertise for the joint development of a Green Logistics Indicator (GLI-X) system in Gauteng; exchange experiences and best practices in this field; host seminars and workshops of business, experts, regulators, civil society and other relevant stakeholders; and encourage cooperation among freight companies, the public sector and private organisations.

Mr Vadi said that the five key goals that the GLI: X Project had identified for smart logistics were well integrated and aligned to provincial policy objectives. "Specifically, the five goals – greener, faster, more cost-effective, safer and more equitable freight logistics – address the transformation, modernisation and re-industrialisation objectives of the Gauteng Provincial Government," he added.

He said the aim was to bring the immediate goals of freight logistics, namely, cost-effectiveness, speed and competitiveness, in line with broader development goals such as environmental protection, socio-economic development and a safe and secure urban environment.

FREE STATE SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON INVESTMENT WITH SÃO PAULO

In pursuit of radical economic transformation, the Free State Provincial Government investment initiative this time around went to São Paulo in Brazil to court possible investments.

A delegation made up of MECs Benny Malakoane, Butan Khompela and Tate Makgoe and senior officials met with the Minister of Tourism in Brazil and Invest São Paulo, which is the investment arm of Brazilian Government.

The Free State is taking advantage of the benefits of what can flow from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS). Brazil is a developing state with similar challenges to the Free State and the province can only enhance this economic relationship. Furthermore, the meeting agreed that a technical team made of FDC, Desteza, Agriculture and SEZ will identify tangible key bankable projects and areas for cooperation.

This paved way for the signing of heads of agreements between the MEC, Dr Benny Malakoane, and the Minister recently to be followed by the signing of the MOU between the Governor and Premier in due course. Among other things during the visit, discussions were made for possible cooperation in medical tourism, cultural, training, exchange programmes and investment opportunities in São Paulo.

SAA TO SUSPEND FLIGHTS TO ABUJA

The suspension of the national carrier's three weekly non-stop flights between Johannesburg and Abuja is due to the upgrade work on the runway at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport.

South African Airways (SAA) will suspend flights between Johannesburg and Abuja, Nigeria, as of March. The suspension will apply from 6 March 2017, the airline in a statement recently.

"The airport authorities in Abuja announced that they would close Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport on 8 March for a period of six weeks in order for scheduled repairs and upgrade work to be carried out.

"South African Airways regrets any inconvenience to our customers, but we would like to give the assurance that all affected customers will be accommodated on our flights to and from Lagos," said SAA spokesperson, Tlali Tlali.

Flights SA 088 from Johannesburg (JNB) to Abuja (ABV) and SA 089 from Abuja (ABV) to Johannesburg (JNB) will be affected by the suspension.

"As a network carrier, we considered an option to fly elsewhere in Nigeria during the repair works. However, such an option did not prove viable for us, given its implications on our network, as it would impact on aircraft availability and connectivity for our passengers," said Tlali.

Affected customers, who already hold tickets and those planning to travel to Nigeria over this time, will be re-accommodated on SA060 Johannesburg to Lagos and SA061 Lagos to Johannesburg. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

SA MARKS 27 YEARS SINCE MANDELA'S RELEASE

South Africa recently marked the historic release of the late former President Nelson Mandela, who was released from prison on 11 February 1990.



“Twenty-seven years ago, the world watched as Nelson Mandela was released from prison on 11 February 1990, twenty-seven and a half years after he was arrested on 5 August 1962.

“A towering figure, his fist in the air, he emerged from the gates of Victor Verster Prison in Cape Town, signifying the end of an era and the beginning of another. The first sight of him followed by his address at Cape Town City Hall, served as a moment South Africa stood together in hope.

“Although the huge crowds gathered at the Cape Town Grand Parade led to delays in him appearing on the balcony, the people waited patiently to hear Mandela speak. His historic address from the balcony of the City Hall gave the world a glimpse into the values and character of a leader that would guide South Africa into its new chapter.

“His long-time friend and comrade Walter Sisulu presented Mandela to the impatient crowds, after which Madiba delivered what would be his first speech as a free man,” the Nelson Mandela Foundation said.

“Just as the moment Madiba stepped out of jail gave us hope for a just and unified South Africa, our memory of it should stir in us a determination to address challenges of inequality, poverty and social exclusion we face today.

“On the 13th February 2017, we will return to Orlando East at what was then Donaldson Orlando Community Centre, where Madiba used to train in the 1950s. There, we will launch the Nelson Mandela Centenary Programme to mark 100 years since his birth.

“We at the Nelson Mandela Foundation believe that as a society, if we apply Madiba’s humility, tact and penchant for dialogue, we can face the challenges that threaten South Africa.

“As we reflect on an unforgettable South African moment, let us be sure not to see it in isolation. The #27for27 Campaign calls on us to reflect on our past, engage on the present and imagine the future the way we would want to see it.” – Source: SAnews.gov.za

SA HOSTS THE SECOND WORLD SKILLS SOUTH AFRICA COMPETITION IN KWAZULU-NATAL

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) is hosting the second World Skills South Africa (WSSA) Competition at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban, from the 13 to 17 February 2017.

A promotional banner for the WorldSkills South Africa 2017 competition. The banner features the WorldSkills South Africa logo on the left, which includes a colorful graphic and the text 'worldskills South Africa'. Below the logo is the Department of Higher Education & Training logo and the text 'Department: Higher Education and Training REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA'. The central part of the banner is a dark red background with the text '14-16 FEBRUARY 2017' in large white letters. To the right of this text is 'Worldskills Competition International Convention Centre (ICC) Durban | KZN' and the hashtag '#WorldskillsZa2017'. At the bottom right, there is a quote: 'It's Cool to be a 21st Century Artisan'. The banner also includes two photographs: one of a person working at a computer workstation and another of a person working with a tool on a piece of metal.

The WSSA Competition is about celebrating the talent of young artisans and technicians in the country and also serves as an advocacy programme to highlight the importance of the artisanal sector in the country's economy.

Approximately 120 participants from public TVET colleges, private colleges, universities of technology and industry will compete in 22 skill areas. In addition, the competition will attract over 3 000 high school learners from across the country.

Winners from the national competition will receive further preparatory training. They will then go on to represent South Africa at the World Skills International Competition in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates in October 2017.

STELLENBOSCH WINE ROUTES BECOMES A TRIPLE CHAMPION

The Stellenbosch Wine Routes organisation has again been singled out from its peers in leading wine regions of the world.



Having claimed titles in 2014 and 2015, Stellenbosch Wine Routes was again named winner of the category for Best Promotional Body in the competition organised by the respected journal, *Drinks International*.

The award recognises Stellenbosch Wine Routes for its commitment and excellence. The judges paid particular attention to consumer-facing initiatives that entice visitors to the region.

The championship seeks to recognise innovation and excellence while the categories reflect the strategy, proposition, investment and creativity required to turn a region into an attractive long-term tourist attraction.

“The achievement is as significant for Stellenbosch as it will be for the wider South African wine tourism industry. The Stellenbosch Wine Routes network itself represents more than 200 wine and grape producers in the boundaries of the Stellenbosch Wine of Origin classification,” shares Stellenbosch Wine Routes Manager, Elmarie Rabe.



A cornerstone attraction to millions of tourists every year, Stellenbosch has made its influence felt in the numerous fields including history, culture, natural beauty, sport and education around the globe. As for a premium wine offering, Stellenbosch has had one of the longest associations with viniculture in the country. When it launched the wine route in 1971, it was the first in the country to establish such an organised network. The Stellenbosch Wine Routes now include five sub-routes that each have their own characteristics in terms of prominent wine styles, climates and geographical location.

As part of the Cape Winelands, the Stellenbosch Wine Routes are part of the six most popular tourist attractions in South Africa and are also connected to the global Great Wine Capitals Network.

Established in 1972, *Drinks International* is among the world's most authoritative publications devoted exclusively to global spirits, wines and beers. It is the entity behind several prominent events, including the International Spirits Challenge, a global blind-tasting competition that has consistently seen South African brands feature. Returning for the sixth year, the *Drinks International* Wine Tourism Challenge is open to all involved in wine tourism, including generic bodies, major producers and individual vineyards. – Source: www.iol.co.za

NEW DAY VISITOR FACILITIES OPEN IN GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARK'S (GRNP) WILDERNESS AREA

This year alone, 71 280 day visitors entered the Wilderness section of the GRNP, compared to last year's 61 770. This is according to area manager of the Wilderness section of the park, Sandra Taljaard.



The GRNP has officially opened five newly designated areas that are specifically demarcated for day visitors in the Wilderness section of the Park. This, the GRNP says, is to better accommodate the rapidly growing number of day visitors to Wilderness.

She says: "We have recorded an increase of day visitors as well as campers from 2014 and thus the need to cater to the different needs and expectations of different visitors".

Campers mainly visit the park for the tranquility and serenity of the riverside camping sites, while day visitors enter the park for a variety of activities, including nature walks and hiking trails, water activities, segways, birding and a sense of place the open access park offers.

Plans for a new adventure offering in the form of a new zipline are also being finalised at the moment.

According to SANParks, the park is expecting a further increase in the number of day visitors "as more people long to wake up to the tranquil surrounds the park offers. Every visitor to the park is lured to the wonder-world of water birds galore who are home to the Wilderness Lakes Area". – Source: Traveller24

TREVOR NOAH AND BEYONCÉ BIG WINNERS AT NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

South African comedian Trevor Noah bagged two awards at the 48th annual NAACP Image Awards.



Trevor won in the categories Outstanding Literary Work – Debut Author and Outstanding Literary Work – Biography/ Autobiography.

"Such an honour to receive two NAACP Image Awards for my book *Born a Crime*. Thank you to every single person who has shared in my story," Trevor wrote on Facebook following the ceremony.

The NAACP Image Awards handed out 47 of its 56 trophies during a non-televised gala dinner in Pasadena.

The NAACP Image Awards are presented by the American National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People to honour outstanding people of colour in film, television, music, and literature.

Other winners on the night included Viola Davis (Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture), Laurence Fishburne (Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series) and Regina King (Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie). Beyoncé won three awards in the music category for Best Female Artist, Best Music Video and Best Album, Deadline reported. – Source: www.channel24.co.za

SA MOURNS PASSING OF AL JARREAU

The Minister of Arts and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa, has expressed sadness on the passing of legendary jazz and R&B singer and seven time Grammy winner, Al Jarreau.

Jarreau passed on 13 February, at a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 76, just days after announcing his retirement from touring because of exhaustion.

He was hospitalised for exhaustion last week and was forced to cancel his remaining tour dates for 2017.

“We are shocked and saddened at the passing of legendary Jazz and R&B singer and seven-time Grammy winner, Al Jarreau. A great master has left our midst.

“We have embraced him as belonging also to us as a creative son of the African Diaspora. His music has given us joy over decades and his songs have instilled us with power to change our lives.

“We can never forget songs like ‘We’re in this love together’, which stays in our minds. I remember his performance so well at the 2015 Cape Town International Jazz Festival, where he wooed us with his all-time greats and thanked South Africa for inspiring the world.

“This is a sore loss for jazz lovers all over the world. Al Jarreau’s versatility as an artist who crossed musical barriers meant that his music was loved by a range of different audiences. His music is popular music at its best, inspirational and tuneful, with a voice that could harmonise well and thus gave us strength and confidence in ourselves,” said Minister Mthethwa. – Source: SAnews.gov.za



SA CELEB CHEFS WINS “BEST ENGLISH COOKBOOK BY A CELEBRITY CHEF”

TV chef and cookbook author, Zola Nene, has just scooped “Best English Cookbook by a Celebrity Chef” in the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards.



This means that she (or rather her cookbook) now qualifies for the next “Gourmand Best in the World” competition to be held in China in October.

The cookbook that stole the show was *Zola's Simply Delicious*, which was launched in February 2016. The book is a celebration of her food philosophy and focusses on various stages of the chef’s life. She came out tops against other top chefs from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Australia, Bangladesh, India, New Zealand and Sweden. – Source: www.food24.com

ERNIE ELS JOINS DONALD TRUMP FOR A ROUND OF GOLF

New United States President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe were joined by Ernie Els for a round of golf at Trump National Golf Club recently.

Els, who owns a home near the Trump-owned Trump National Golf Club in Florida, has a section on his website which classes Trump as a “friend”, describing him as “the most recognised businessman in the world, and the Trump brand is readily acknowledged as representing the gold standard around the globe”.

Els is the second star golfer to enjoy a round with Trump in recent months, after Tiger Woods did so last December.

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