



## PRESIDENT ZUMA PAYS STATE VISIT TO INDONESIA

*During the State Visit, President Zuma promoted stronger ties with Indonesia in business, trade and investment, as well as promoted South Africa as a viable destination for Indonesian tourists, business and investments, The Presidency said.*



President Jacob Zuma recently paid a State Visit to Indonesia at the invitation of President Joko Widodo. The President was accompanied by the Ministers of International Relations and Cooperation, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane; Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Senzeni Zokwana; and the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa.

South Africa and Indonesia are each one of the largest economies in their respective regions, and endowed with rich natural and maritime resources. In 2015, the total volume of bilateral trade between South Africa and Indonesia was R11,7 billion, with R2,8 billion exports from South Africa and R8,9 billion imports from Indonesia. South Africa's major exports to Indonesia include chemical wood pulp, ferrous waste, iron ore, aluminium, fruit and mechanical appliances.

On a multilateral level, South Africa and Indonesia are active members of the G20, Non-Aligned Movement and G77 plus China, where they work together closely to promote the ideals of South-South cooperation.

They are also members of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), which comprises 21 coastal states of the Indian Ocean.

The State Visit was preceded by the Leaders' Summit of the IORA from 6 to 7 March 2017, which also commemorated the IORA's 20th Anniversary. South Africa will host the next IORA Council of Ministers Meeting in Durban later this year. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

## INDIAN OCEAN CAN BE THE KEY DRIVER OF ECONOMIES

*The summit brought together business leaders, communities and governments of the region to share ideas and exchange views on how to grow and develop economies sustainably, as well as to network.*



President Jacob Zuma says more innovative ways need to be developed to use oceans sustainably for food, transport, trade and other activities.

He addressed the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Business Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 6 March. The summit was held under the theme “IORA: Building Partnerships for Sustainable and Equitable Economic Growth”.

“As business leaders explore various opportunities, fundamentally, we must ensure profitable use of what binds us together as members of the IORA, the Indian Ocean.

“The ocean is a valuable resource and holds great potential to become the key driver of the Indian Ocean Rim economies. The ocean has historically been a powerful vehicle for global trade and commerce. It has also always been a significant source of food and energy,” said the President.

The leaders of the IORA have adopted the Blue or Ocean Economy as a top priority for generating employment and ensuring sustainability in business and economic models. South Africa has also decided to actively promote economic development from the oceans since 2014.

The programme, called Operation Phakisa Ocean Economy, brings together business, labour, academia and government to intensively work together to develop a national programme to further develop and expand the country’s ocean economy.

It is estimated that the Blue Economy in South Africa could contribute around US\$13 billion to the country’s gross domestic product and create a million jobs by 2033.

The priority sectors identified within this programme are marine manufacturing and marine transport, aquaculture, oil and gas exploration, marine protection and governance.

To date, President Zuma said, the overall progress of South Africa’s Ocean Economy drive included unlocking investments amounting to more than R7 billion in the Ocean Economy.

“This has created close to 7 000 jobs in various sectors.”

He said the Operation Phakisa Ocean Economy strategy was well aligned to the priorities of the IORA.

The African Union has declared 2015 to 2025 as the Decade of the African Seas and Oceans. The strategic context of this initiative is the 2050 Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy, aimed at improving maritime conditions and benefits for the respective countries. – Source: SAnews.gov.za



## HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO GHANA

**South Africa and Ghana had enjoyed close historical ties of solidarity dating back to the period of the country's struggles for freedom and independence.**

President Jacob Zuma has congratulated Ghana on its 60th independence anniversary. President Zuma said this when he spoke on the phone with President Nana Addo Akufo-Addo on 5 March, The Presidency said.

“As the pioneer of the decolonisation process on the African continent, Ghana served as an inspiration for South Africa. In his famous speech in 1957, Kwame Nkrumah indicated that the independence of Ghana would be meaningless unless it was linked to the total liberation of Africa,” The Presidency said.

President Zuma was unable to attend the celebrations in Accra as he was in Indonesia, where he was attending the 20th Anniversary of the Indian Ocean Rim Association and undertaking a State Visit to Indonesia.

South Africa and Ghana share strong democratic values and have played a critical role in peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa.

In this regard, the two presidents agreed to continue to cooperate in promoting democracy, good governance and human rights on the continent and the world at large.

“The two presidents also reaffirmed their commitment to continue to cooperate closely in continental and international forums, working together towards the shared objectives of developing their respective countries, regions and the continent so as to claim its rightful position in the world.” – Source: SAnews.gov.za



## MINISTER NKOANA-MASHABANE LEADS SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION TO THE IORA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) MEETING IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA



**The purpose of the IORA COM Meeting was to prepare for the Business Forum and Leaders' Summit of the IORA, which was held from 6 to 7 March 2017, and which was attended by President Jacob Zuma.**

The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, led the South African Government delegation to the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) COM Meeting on 6 March in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The COM finalised and endorsed the IORA Concord (political declaration), which was adopted by the IORA leaders, as well as the IORA Concord's Action Plan of implementation.

A Declaration on Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism was also considered by the COM for adoption at the summit.

South Africa serves as the current Vice Chair of IORA, and is preparing to take over the Chair from Indonesia during the latter part of 2017 until 2019.

The Vice Chair forms part of the IORA Troika of Ministers (Australia, Indonesia and South Africa), which is consulted on important matters and decisions within the association.

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## DEPUTY MINISTER LANDERS CONCLUDES WORKING VISIT GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

***The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Luwellyn Landers, recently concluded his Working Visit to Geneva, Switzerland, where he took part in the High-Level Segment of the 34th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC34) from 27 February to 1 March 2017.***



Deputy Minister Landers participated in an interactive dialogue of a High-Level Panel on Human Rights Mainstreaming. During his intervention, he maintained that South Africa strongly believed that sustainable peace required inclusive processes of development, dialogue, reconciliation, a shared commitment to reconstruct viable polities and international cooperation.

He also maintained that South Africa believed in the realisation of the right to development and enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights to be realised within an environment which entrenched good economic and political governance, peace and security.

The Deputy Minister also delivered South Africa's statement at the High-Level Segment of the council on 28 February 2017, which outlined South Africa's continued implementation of its international human rights commitments.

In his statement, he highlighted the ongoing violations of the realisation of the right to self-determination of the people of Palestine and Western Sahara, which remained an issue of serious concern, and subsequently, should also remain pivotal to the work of the Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Deputy Minister Landers said: "South Africa cannot claim to be free while the people of Palestine and Western Sahara continue to bear the brunt of occupation, oppression and the denial of their right to self-determination."

On the sidelines of the High-Level Panel, Deputy Minister Landers held bilateral meetings with different organisations and ministers, including the Western Sahara Minister for Europe and member of the Buro Executives of the Polisario Front, Minister Mohamed Sidati, where he emphasised South Africa's position in intensifying its solidarity with the Polisario Front liberation movement as they lead the people of Western Sahara in their quest for peace and independence.

The First Vice President of South Sudan, General Taban Deng Gai, thanked South Africa for its continued support to building peace and stability in South Sudan.

Deputy Minister Landers also met with the UNHRC Deputy High Commissioner, Kelly Clements, and exchanged views on issues of refugees, ending statelessness and the migrant situation.

The other bilateral meeting was held with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), President Peter Maurer, where discussions focussed on areas of cooperation, ICRC financial support and the *South African White Paper on the Amendment of the Refugees Act*.

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## PARLIAMENT COMMEMORATES 20 YEARS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE INCEPTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (NCOP)

*The launch took place in Parliament on 3 March 2017 and culminated in a round-table discussion on the transition brought about by the Constitution and the establishment of the NCOP.*



Parliament will launch a series of activities to commemorate 20 years of the existence of the Constitution, and 20 years since the inception of the NCOP.

The 20th Anniversary of South Africa's final Constitution and the establishment of the NCOP, presents a timely opportunity for Parliament to reflect on its aspirations and commitments made to the citizenry 20 years ago within the framework of Parliament's 2016 theme: "Following up on our Commitment to the People".

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## GOVERNMENT TO FAST-TRACK BLACK INDUSTRIALISTS PROGRAMME

*The Economic Sectors, Employment and Economic Infrastructure Development Cluster recently briefed the media on the implementation of its programme of action following President Jacob Zuma's State of the Nation Address.*

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Rob Davies, says government plans to accelerate the creation of black industrialists with an aim of creating 100 black industrialists by the end of the coming financial year.



“The first phase of the Black Industrialists Programme envisaged us supporting 100 black industrialists [over three years].

“We have done 25 so far and the financial year is not yet over ... and I am sure we will do three [by end of March]. So we’d hit the 30 that we were supposed to hit in the current financial year.

“But we actually said that instead of 70 more over two years, we will now do 70 more over one year,” Minister Davies said during the cluster briefing.

Earlier, Rural Development and Land Reform Minister, Gugile Nkwinti, who chaired the briefing, said the Black Industrialists Programme had supported 27 entrepreneurs, leveraged R2,5 billion in private-sector investment and created 5 235 direct jobs.

### **Implementing a higher-impact industrial policy action plan**

Minister Nkwinti said the target of the cluster, which was detailed in the Nine-Point Plan, was to also scale up industrialisation by reviving industrial parks, expanding industries supplying the infrastructure build programme, investing in manufacturing sectors and setting up special economic zones.

He said several milestones had been achieved in driving the country’s industrialisation programme:

- For the first time, the automotive sector exported R150 billion in 2016 and received the country’s largest investment of R11 billion from the Beijing Automobile International Corporation. Construction on this project is underway and production is expected to commence in 2018.
- More than R20 billion in industrial finance was approved last year, creating 27 000 direct new jobs and approximately 108 indirect new jobs.
- More than R180 million was committed to upgrade six industrial parks across five provinces. In 2017, the first phase of the revitalisation of Babelegi (Hammanskraal) and Vulindlela (Mthatha) industrial parks will be launched.
- About 21 products have been designated for local production, including rail rolling stock, bus bodies, electrical transformers and transmission lines, fire trucks, boats, solar photovoltaic components and electricity metres.

– Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## **TREASURY ALLOCATES R120 MILLION TO BRING MORE BUSINESS EVENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA**

***Allocations are R20 million for 2017/18 and R90 million for the next three years to the fund, which Minister Hanekom said would act as a catalyst for the business events industry.***

The National Treasury has allocated R120 million for a new bidding fund to enable the Department of Tourism to attract more business events such as conferences to South Africa.



“It will enable our National Convention Bureau (NCB) and our provincial and city convention bureaus to support bidding processes, and will greatly enhance our chances of winning the rights to host business events.

“We have already identified African regional meetings and conferences as potential quick wins, and the bidding fund will give us the muscle to attract them,” Minister Hanekom said in opening the Meetings Africa 2017 conference.

He said the bidding fund would focus on business events aligned with the priority economic sectors government has identified for development, including manufacturing, mining and metals, business process outsourcing, creative industries, life sciences and information and communications technology.

A study by the NCB said the estimated total direct spend of business tourists in South Africa was R42,4 billion in 2015.

Minister Hanekom said it was estimated that meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions supported about 280 000 direct and indirect jobs in South Africa in 2015.

The United States is South Africa's largest source market for business events delegates, making up 12,5% of the total in 2015. The United Kingdom, Turkey, Nigeria, India and Australia also feature strongly in hosting business events in South Africa.

"Of all the business delegates coming to South Africa, about one-third travel around the country to experience some of our many attractions. This trend boosts our leisure tourism industry.

"Most business delegates (about 40%) are aged between 35 and 44 years. The likelihood of a return visit with family and friends is very high," the Minister said.

"More business events are being held outside the major centres. This is an encouraging trend, because we want to spread tourism geographically across all regions of our country, so that venues and communities in some of our lesser-known areas also benefit from tourism."

The department was allocated an extra R494 million to promote tourism over the next three years. – Source: [www.enca.co.za](http://www.enca.co.za)

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## TOWNSHIP TOURISM: WHY SA SHOULD VALUE AND INVEST IN PLACES LIKE KHAYELITSHA

***"For us to realise radical economic transformation, we must have inclusive economic growth – meaningful participation from everyone is key."***



The Deputy Minister of Tourism, Tokozile Xasa, has called for small micro-medium enterprises (SMMEs) in townships to take part and help South African tourism get to great lengths in areas like Khayelitsha.

Speaking at a tourism imbizo held at Lookout Hill in Khayelitsha recently, Deputy Minister Xasa said for tourism in South Africa to grow and be better, community members as well as SMMEs needed to participate and make not only townships, but the whole city more welcoming for tourists.

According to Deputy Minister Xasa, the community outreach is a way of participating, as you cannot talk tourism in isolation from human settlement or from transformation. "As tourism, this help make people know about us, come to us and do business with us in our establishments, making use of them and make money."

She said community members as well as small business owners needed to take full advantages of their attraction or draw-cards around them and use it as an opportunity to open up more business.

"Tourists are not only just satisfied by popular attractions that the city has to offer, but also they want to see new places and meet the people".

"Khayelitsha is a gem that is required by tourists and we as tourism are boosting that through finding a way where we can demonstrate collaboration between government departments, private sectors and the community because it happens in the community and participation creates job opportunities in the tourism sector," she added. – Source: Traveller24

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## WEF AFRICA TO FOCUS ON CREATING NEW MODELS OF GROWTH

***The forum's 27th Africa meeting will be held from 3 to 5 May and will focus on driving economic transformation in Africa through inclusive growth models.***

South Africa is gearing to host the hundreds of officials who will descend on Durban to attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa, in May. Prospects for growth and development in Sub-Saharan Africa are mixed in 2017. The region accounts for some of the world's fastest-growing economies but it is also home to countries whose commodity-dependent economies have struggled to adapt to structural downturns in prices.

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The purpose of the meeting will be to convene leaders from across all stakeholder groups to define strategies and actions to restore the whole region on its path towards a sustainable, prosperous and inclusive future.

“Africa has a historic opportunity to shift the trajectory of its development by avoiding the excesses and mistakes made by countries in advanced parts of the world. But its success will depend on creating new models of growth that provide equality of opportunity to everyone and allow innovation to flourish,” said Elsie Kanza, Head of Africa, WEF.

In addition to advancing the concept of inclusive growth, many other issues critical to Africa’s long-term development will be covered in the meeting’s programme. These include education, skills and employment; entrepreneurship; energy; infrastructure and development finance; combating, adapting to and building resilience against climate change; and science, technology and innovation.

Over 900 participants are expected at the WEF on Africa, including forum member companies, representatives from government, international organisations, civil society, academia, media and the arts. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## POLICE HOSTS FORENSIC SERVICES CONFERENCE IN PRETORIA

***Local and international experts made presentations on a wide range of forensic-related topics with a view to sharing knowledge and best practices.***



The South African Police Service recently hosted a four-day Forensic Services Conference in Pretoria under the theme “Fundamentals of Forensic Evidence”. The conference took place at the CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria between 27 February and 2 March 2017.

The conference brought together some of the finest experts with a view to advancing forensic based criminal investigations as forensic evidence often plays a critical role in not only proving the guilt of a suspect, but also in exonerating the innocent.

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## SOUTH AFRICA COLLABORATES WITH GABON TO HOST CULTURAL SEASONS

***South Africa and Gabon signed a Cultural Agreement on Cultural Exchange in 2005. Since then, the department has taken South African artists to Gabon to exhibit their craft on beaded works, fashion and furniture during Nelson Mandela Day and Heritage Day celebrations in 2013 and 2015 respectively.***





The Department of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of Gabon, will host the first Cultural Seasons in Libreville, Gabon, from 9 to 17 March 2017. The programme is aimed at showcasing South Africa's artistic talent, strengthening people-to-people relations and opening new paths for expanded trade between the two countries.

The department also hosted a successful workshop in 2015 with Gabonese artists. The aim of workshop was to open a dialogue to discuss pertinent issues affecting the sector, share experiences and expertise, and come up with tangible ideas on how to move the sector forward.

For the seasons programme, the department has partnered with the Department of Tourism of South Africa to conduct workshops in Gabon on various tourism themes. The activities include an

essay-writing competition and debates on tourism topics by learners to encourage critical thinking, effective communication skills and enrich these young minds with knowledge to be better future leaders.

“The Africa we want provides a road map for the sustainable development of this continent. An important pillar in this agenda relates to culture and refers to an Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics.” said the Minister of Arts and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa.

South African artists from various disciplines such as craft, design, culinary, visual arts and music are expected to be part of the programme. Gabonese students who studied and qualified in South Africa, who are now working in different fields in Gabon will volunteer as interpreters during the duration of the programme. The majority of Gabonese in Libreville speak French. There will be a painting of a Libreville Museum wall by South African visual artists and school children will participate in this exercise.

The year 2017, marks the centenary celebrations of Oliver Reginald Tambo in South Africa, an anti-apartheid activist and an internationally renowned liberation struggle icon. To kick-start the celebrations, the season's programme of activities will include the OR Tambo Memorial Lecture and Exhibition. The history of liberation needs to be promoted and preserved especially for the younger generation for Africa to move forward. There will be film screenings in various venues and everyone is welcome to join.

The cultural seasons will strengthen collaboration on the Africa Month programme of activities that takes place in the month of May to celebrate the formation of the Organisation of African Unity.

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## MINISTER ZULU LAUNCHES SA'S BIGGEST ONLINE SHOWCASE OF CRAFT AND DESIGN



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***The new website, [www.peek.org.za](http://www.peek.org.za), is a search-and-connect website that is free to use and will open up access to new markets for the many small craft and design businesses in South Africa.***

The Minister of Small Business Development, Lindiwe Zulu, recently launched a new online platform which is geared towards becoming South Africa's biggest website dedicated to showcasing beautiful craft and design products made in South Africa.

The launch took place on 28 February 2017 at the Cape Craft and Design Institute (CCDI) in Cape Town, South Africa.

The website has been piloted since August 2016 with small businesses and currently has over 100 businesses listed and over 450 products showcased. The site has already received over 35 000 views in its pilot phase. This platform was spearheaded by the CCDI and funded through the Craft Customised Sector Programme of the Department of Small Business Development. The Craft Customised Sector Programme is a fund disbursed to provincial hubs and agencies to support and grow creative enterprises in the craft sector in South Africa.

The programme has been in existence since 2007 and has been contributing to government's commitment to rapid economic transformation. Creative businesses can sign up for the Peek site by registering as a business member on the national database at [www.ccdi.org.za](http://www.ccdi.org.za) – it's free and once registered, businesses can directly access Peek to upload products.

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## BOEING OPENS NEW OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND KENYA

**Boeing's most recent Current Market Outlook report predicts that air traffic to and from Africa is expected to grow by about 6,1% annually over the next 20 years, which means there will be a need for 1 150 new airplanes.**



The Boeing Company continues to expand its international presence as they announced the opening of two new offices in South Africa and in Kenya.

“Taking the necessary steps to establish a firm presence on the continent was an obvious choice,” says Miguel Santos, Managing Director Sub-Saharan Africa, Boeing International.

“Africa is not new territory for Boeing. Since the introduction of the jet airplane, Boeing aircraft have formed the backbone of the continent's commercial fleet and Boeing continues to be one of the largest United States-based companies doing business on the continent,” he says.

Santos adds that the aerospace industry needs to start paying closer attention to Africa, because the continent is on the move economically and all the trends are pointing in the right direction for the expansion of the sector.

Boeing revealed their new 787-10 #Dreamliner in February. The new plane is 5,5 metres long (18 feet) longer, giving additional space for 330 passengers in a two-class cabin. They are also looking to design a plane that is expected to be called the 737 MAX 10 and would be the largest aircraft in the 737 line. – Traveller24

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## GREAT SUMMER FOR WESTERN CAPE WITH HUGE INFLUX OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS

**Cape Town International Airport (CTIA) also achieved tremendous growth last year serving just over 10 million passengers.**



The Western Cape tourism sector has experienced one of its best summer seasons, with international visitor arrivals up 29,8%.

Briefing the Western Cape Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on seasonal tourism statistics for the province, Wesgro, the province's official tourism and investment promotion agency, said the December period was a bumper season for the province.

Wesgro's Cornelis van der Waal said bookings were done between three and six months in advance, and were mostly for stays in excess of two weeks.

According to the tourism agency, visitors were particularly interested in self-catering accommodation options for families or groups between four and six

passengers, for about two to three nights while most visitors showed a rapid move to outdoor adventure activities like running and cycling.

Wine estates and restaurants were running at full capacity with statistics pointing to house-swapping options being popular during the summer season.

An increase in visitors from Gauteng, interested in adventure and outdoor tourism, like camping, were also recorded.

There was also an increase in visitors from Namibia and Zimbabwe, with the United States of America being the largest source market in December last year. – Source: SAnews.gov.za-TLM

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# GREAT LIMPOPO TRANSFRONTIER PARK (GLTP) EXPANDS CONSERVATION AREA TO KRUGER

**The GLTP and Conservation Area straddle the borders of Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe and consolidate almost 100 000 km<sup>2</sup> of some of the most established wildlife areas in southern Africa.**

The 240 000-hectare Greater Libombos Conservancy (GLC) is now the first privately-owned area to be included as part of the GLTP and Conservation Area, making Mozambique the first country to add areas to Great Limpopo in terms of the Great Limpopo Treaty signed in 2002.

The groundbreaking process for Mozambique, supported by the Peace Parks Foundation, was formalised on Friday, 24 February, at a Trilateral Ministerial Committee Meeting held in Maputo.

In addition to including the Greater Libombos Conservancy to the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park and Conservation Area, Mozambique will be launching an international conference on conservation and the protection of wildlife.

This is according to the Department of Environmental Affairs, who says the move is a crucial development for the enhancement of the implementation of the International Treaty establishing the GLTP and Conservation Area.

The Joint Management Board comprises the three partner countries of Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The ministers resolved that the process for the formalisation of this incorporation between the countries must be finalised by the governments of Mozambique and South Africa.

The GLC comprises a total of nine properties on the eastern boundary of the Kruger National Park, the Peace Parks organisation says. It is significant in terms of its environmental attributes, as well as its geographic location.

"It conserves and protects diverse natural and cultural assets. It is largely devoid of infrastructure or anthropogenic impacts and includes vast unspoilt areas that provide opportunities for the development of true wilderness experiences.

– Source: Traveller24



## SA PAYS TRIBUTE TO MIRIAM TLALI

**The local literary fraternity is mourning the death of the first black woman to have a book published in South Africa, Miriam Tlali.**

Author, scholar and activist Tlali passed away recently, aged 83.

"We have learned with deep sadness of the passing of one of the country's internationally celebrated black female authors, Ms Tlali, who played a critical role during the liberation struggle by telling a true South African story through her anti-apartheid novels, among other writings," President Jacob Zuma said.



The President said Tlali would be remembered for her outstanding literary work which earned her several accolades and honours, including the Order of Ikhamanga, which was bestowed on her for her excellent intellectual achievements and contribution to the development of literature in South Africa.

"We wish to convey our deepest condolences to her family, relatives and all in the arts and culture industry. May her soul rest in peace," President Zuma said.

Tlali is the author of the renowned novel called *Muriel at Metropolitan*, published in 1975.

She also wrote, among others, internationally the acclaimed black consciousness novel *Amandla* in 1980. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## VENICE BIENNALE LAUNCHES IN ROSEBANK

***Known as the Olympics of the art world, the Venice Biennale is one of the world's most prestigious contemporary art events, admired for its promotion and celebration of art from across the globe.***

Johannesburg's Trumpet building, located on the Keyes Art Mile in Rosebank, saw some of South Africa's finest this week at the launch of the SA Pavilion, the proposed selection of artistic projects that are set to appear at this year's Venice Biennale, which runs from 13 May to 26 November.

A plethora of exhibits, events and national pavilions are on show every two years in this floating Italian city. This year, the SA Pavilion presents artists Candice Breitz and Mohau Modisakeng.

Modisakeng, sporting his trademark hat, and Breitz attended the late afternoon launch, as did pavilion curator Lucy McGarry and other well-known art enthusiasts, including Goodman Gallery director Liza Essers and the acting chief curator of Johannesburg Art Gallery (JAG), Musha Neluheni.

JAG will be closed to the public until May, following heavy rains which caused extensive damage to the building.

The artists are legally sworn to secrecy about their respective showcases, but given the acclaim each has attained, we have no doubt visitors will be provoked, inspired and challenged. In May, all will be revealed. – Source: Channel24.co.za

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## TIME NAMES TREVOR NOAH ONE OF THE “NEXT GENERATION LEADERS”

***TIME Magazine recently revealed its list of Next Generation Leaders that included South African comedian Trevor Noah.***



The list comprises 10 young innovators and rising stars that run the gamut from innovative artists and impressive athletes to risk-taking activists and groundbreaking entrepreneurs.

The magazine praises Noah for his impressive rise to fame and his work as host of *The Daily Show*, which has seen a massive rise in international viewership.

South Africa's Trevor Noah is one of the most successful comedians in Africa and is the host of the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central.

This year *The Daily Show* has been nominated for a Writers Guild Award (Comedy/Variety Series). Noah joined *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart in 2014 as a contributor.

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## FAMOUS FRENCH BOULANGERIE PAUL OPENS IN JOBURG

***Famed French boulangerie and patisserie Paul has officially opened its first branch in South Africa.***



Most South Africans who've travelled will be aware of the chain which has outlets at many airports around the world and is present in over 35 countries.

South Africa's first branch opened its doors in Melrose Arch, Johannesburg, recently.

More Paul outlets are planned for the future in the country. This isn't Paul's first foray into Africa – it already has branches in Morocco, the Ivory Coast and Reunion.

For those familiar with Paul – the SA version is Large and quite luxurious ... compared to the more laid-back, casual style of most of the Paul bakery-cafes around France.

The SA Paul seats 180, and apart from the café service also has a larnier restaurant where meals like coq au vin are being served.

Paul is a family-owned business that began near Lille in 1889 with a small bakery. Over the past five generations, each family has passed on to its children the knowledge of and passion for artisanal baking ... and a work-ethic based on hard work and excellence. – Source: [www.sapeople.com](http://www.sapeople.com)

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## JOHANNESBURG TO HOST INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL

**Both local and international comedic talent will be celebrated at the Johannesburg International Comedy Festival (JICF), which will take place from 31 March to 1 April 2017.**

Held at various venues in and around the Braamfontein precinct, there will be all kinds of comedy on the menu for festival-goers.

JICF will feature comedians from the United States of America, Russia, Nigeria, France, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, Canada, Congo, Kenya, Australia, Uganda and South Africa.

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## US BAND THE INTERNET HEADING TO SA FOR THE CAPE TOWN JAZZ FEST

**Grammy-nominated hip hop, neo-soul and R&B outfit, The Internet, is heading to Cape Town.**



Taking to their Facebook page, the Cape Town International Jazz Festival announced the exciting news recently. "BREAKING NEWS! The Internet (USA) is heading to the 18th Annual Cape Town International Jazz Festival and officially concludes the #CTIJF2017 line-up! Join us for their first-ever performance in South Africa on Saturday 1 April."

The post also includes a video by The Internet, featuring members Syd 'tha kid' Bennett, Matt Martians, Patrick Paige II, Christopher Smith and Steve Lacy, announcing that they are coming to South Africa.

The Internet will be playing at the Manenberg Stage on Saturday 1 April 2017, at the Cape Town International Jazz Festival. The festival is taking place on 31 March and 1 April 2017.

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## MODDER EN BLOED WINS AWARD AT AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

**Modder en Bloed recently won the prestigious Audience Choice Award – Best Feature Drama – at the annual Sedona International Film Festival in Phoenix, United States of America.**



Writer, director and producer Sean Else was in Sedona to accept the award and hailed it as a tremendous team effort from all involved with this film.

He said: "It's great to get the recognition and appreciation from an audience outside of South Africa; these awards mean the most as they are voted for by the public."

This was the fourth International Film Festival where *Modder en Bloed* was selected in the Official Competition Section. This is also the first Competition Award.

Producer Llewellynn Greeff said: "Playing in festivals around the world is a wonderful tribute to all involved with the production, and it certainly helps with international sales and distribution. We are incredibly proud of everyone". – Source: [www.sapeople.com](http://www.sapeople.com)

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## BLITZBOKS DOWN FIJI FOR LAS VEGAS SEVENS CROWN

**The Springbok Sevens team this weekend won the Las Vegas Sevens title, their fourth gold medal in the 2016/17 World Rugby Sevens Series.**



The Blitzboks scored three tries to two in beating Fiji 19-12 in the final, played at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas.

It was a third consecutive win for the team in the series after success in the previous tournaments in Wellington and Sydney, having won the opening tournament of the series in Dubai as well.

With this victory, the Blitzboks extended their overall lead in the World Rugby Sevens Series. South Africa now has 107 points in the bag after five of the 10 tournaments in the series, 24 points ahead of beaten finalists, Fiji, who has 83 points. England (81), who were in second place after the tournaments in Dubai, Cape Town, Wellington and Sydney, dropped back to third place.

The Blitzboks arrived in Las Vegas with a 17 points lead.

Springbok Sevens coach, Neil Powell, was very pleased with the performance.

"We have set ourselves a goal to at least reach the semi-finals of every tournament in the series, so it is very pleasing that we have managed to win four of those halfway through the series. I have to compliment the players for their hard work and for the planning from management to make sure the guys remain fresh and fit and keep their appetite for winning." – Source: [www.sport24.co.za](http://www.sport24.co.za)

**RABADA AND TAHIR SET UP SERIES VICTORY FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN NEW ZEALAND**

***Kagiso Rabada and Imran Tahir led a lethal bowling display by the Proteas that laid the foundation for a fine, 3-2 series win over New Zealand with a six-wicket triumph in the fifth One-Day International (ODI) Auckland recently.***



In what was a see-saw sequence of matches, South Africa gave the host little chance at half way of the decisive encounter by bundling them out for 149 after winning the toss and electing to bowl first at Eden Park.

Rabada picked up the most number of wickets with his outstanding 3/25, but it was the almost unplayable Imran Tahir that bamboozled the Black Caps.

The leg-spinner returned the most economical figures ever by a Proteas spinner by conceding only 14 runs in his 10 overs and also captured two wickets in the process.

It was also the fourth-best return overall for South Africa – the previous three miserly spells all sent down by Shaun Pollock.

The tourists encountered some early trouble in their batting reply, before Faf du Plessis hit an unbeaten 51 (90 balls, 6 fours) to ensure they got over the line with 17.4 overs to spare and in the process returned to the top of the ICC one-day rankings. Victory also ended a run of eight consecutive 50-over series wins at home by the hosts. – Source: [Cricket.co.za](http://Cricket.co.za)

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