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## XSÊ, ARE YOU READY TO VOTE IN THE 2019 ELECTIONS?



**FINAL REGISTRATION WEEKEND**  
**26 - 27 JANUARY 2019 | 8AM - 5PM**  
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South Africans go to the polls for the country's sixth national and provincial elections in 2019. To encourage South Africa's youth to register and vote in the upcoming elections, the Electoral Commission has launched an innovative communication and education campaign.

"The young people of South Africa comprise an increasingly powerful and crucial segment of our economy, our culture, our democracy and our country. But until they register and vote, they are unable exercise their right to participate in choosing the future of our country," says Electoral Commission Chairperson, Glen Mashinini.

The campaign features young South Africans from all walks of life expressing their reasons for the importance of voting in the upcoming elections under a newly-created word: Xsê.

"We zoned in on a phrase that is uniquely South African. It's cool and can be used easily by anyone across the culture lines. It's a call to action phrase, one that prompts you to take notice and take action," explained Chief Electoral Officer, Sy Mamabolo.

"Xsê is a multi-culturally understood colloquial South African term that can be used in many situations, especially when one wants to be heard. Elections allow for an individual's voice to be heard hence we made it for the individual to own. Moreover, it's a clever play on the 'X' that voters put on the ballot paper and which has featured in previous election campaigns. We hope Xsê becomes part of the lexicon of South African youth during these elections."

The Electoral Commission Contact Centre has also been re-activated and is operational weekdays from 8am to 5pm. It provides assistance to callers in all official languages on 0800 11 8000 and is also available to respond to queries submitted via email and the IEC's Twitter account and Facebook page.

The focus of the campaign is to promote registration during the upcoming final voter registration weekend being held on 26 – 27 January 2019 when the country's 22 927 voting stations will open from 08h00 to 17h00 to allow new voters to register and existing voters to update and to check their registration details.

There are currently 26,1 million registered voters on the national common voters' roll and Mr Mashinini has said it is his hope that at least one million more voters will be added to the voters' roll ahead of the 2019 elections.

A key aspect of the campaign will also be to encourage already registered voters to also use the opportunity of the registration weekend or the online facility at [www.elections.org.za/MyIEC](http://www.elections.org.za/MyIEC) to check and update their address details. In November last year, the Constitutional Court granted an application by the Electoral Commission for an extension to the deadline until November 2019 to update the voters' roll with all addresses. This has allowed the Electoral Commission to utilise the registration weekend and election day itself to collect outstanding addresses before allowing voters to vote.

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All South Africa citizens aged 16 and older in possession of an official identity document (ID) can register as voters – although only those who are at least 18 years old on voting day may vote. Voters should take their barcoded ID book, smart ID card or temporary ID certificate when they go to register in the voting district in which they ordinarily reside.

When registering, voters will need to provide their address or a description of where they live to allow the Electoral Commission to place them on the correct segment of the voters' roll. However, documentation or proof of address is not required.

Currently, the lowest voter registration levels are for voters aged 18 – 19 (15,6% of estimated eligible population) and 20 – 29 (56,7% of estimated eligible population). Registered voters can visit the Electoral Commission website ([www.elections.org.za](http://www.elections.org.za)) to check their current registration details and voting station location. They can also SMS their ID number to 32810 to receive an SMS containing the address of their current voting station (charged at R1 per SMS).

Unregistered voters can insert their address in the Voting Station Finder application on the website (<http://maps.elections.org.za/vsfinder/>) to find their correct voting station or call the Contact Centre.

In terms of the Constitution, the term of the current National Assembly and provincial legislatures ends on 6 May 2019 and elections must be held within 90 days thereafter. This means the elections must be held between 7 May and 5 August 2019.

The President recently indicated his intention to proclaim elections before the end of May, but is expected to announce the exact date sometime in the near future. Join the conversation: #SAElections2019 #Xsê2019.



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## TEAM SA PRESENTS IMPROVED INVESTMENT PROPOSITION AT 2019 WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

*President Cyril Ramaphosa is leading South Africa's delegation to the world's most important meeting of global CEOs at the 2019 World Economic Forum (WEF), taking place in Davos, Switzerland, from 22 to 25 January 2019.*



The primary objective of the South African delegation is to strengthen partnerships and collaboration for inclusive economic growth and development in South Africa, with particular emphasis on increasing international investment into the country.

“We are going to Davos to interact with potential investors. We are competing with other emerging markets where there is an oasis of investment opportunities for global investors and it’s where we want to be seen to be investing. We have a place of pride at Davos. We are recognised and accepted as being serious players. Some of our countrymen and women even play a role in the structures of WEF in Davos and we are going to speak with one language and the same message: South Africa is like a plane that is getting ready to take off,” the President said at a pre-WEF breakfast in Rosebank recently. He was addressing Team South Africa, comprising government ministers and business leaders who are accompanying him as part of the Team SA delegation.



One of the focus areas for the team is to showcase South Africa’s preparedness for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, in line with this year’s WEF theme: “Globalisation 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution”.

The forum is enabling South Africa to build on the success of the President’s Investment Conference in October last year where R290 billion was raised for future investments.

“We are on the right track. We had to deal with very difficult challenges in the past but those are challenges we are finding solutions to. We must put our best foot forward, we must go and engage the world with great confidence

knowing we are representing this great country. We are going to start seeing improved growth in our economy and I think we can go with our heads held high, without arrogance, to tell our story, what we have done and how we have made progress.” The President together with Team SA participated in a WEF Country Strategy Dialogue on South Africa on Wednesday, 23 January.

This focussed on deepening understanding of current investment opportunities and challenges, as well as exploring new avenues to help enable the country to achieve the President’s investment target of US\$100 billion in the next five years. The session was attended by investors, leading business leaders and experts.

“We have turned the corner, it’s a new dawn. We can confidently go back and say, remember what we told you, this is what we have done. As I often say, we are like a plane about to take off.”



On Thursday, 24 January, Brand South Africa together with ABSA and Invest SA hosted a South Africa Investment Seminar with a goal to support and initiate the next phase of the country’s investment drive. Potential investors will have the opportunity to hear from – and engage with – South Africa government and business representatives. Team South Africa entertained guests at a Brand South Africa Night Dinner with investors and potential investors where the best of South Africa’s cuisine were showcased with Chef Benny.

The President is accompanied by the following ministers:

- Minister of Finance, Tito Mboweni
- Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Lindiwe Sisulu
- Minister of Trade and Industry, Rob Davies;
- Minister of Public Enterprise, Pravin Gordhan
- Minister of Economic Development, Ebrahim Patel
- Minister of Communications, Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams
- Minister of Health, Aaron Motsoaledi.

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## PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA ATTENDS GENEVA LAUNCH OF FUTURE OF WORK REPORT

***President Cyril Ramaphosa attended the launch of the Report on the Future of Work, in Geneva, Switzerland, on 22 January 2019.***



The report was produced by the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Global Commission on the Future of Work.

President Ramaphosa and Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven are co-chairs of the 27-member Global Commission that has been tasked to identify challenges and make recommendations that will sustain and protect the livelihood of workers around the world.

This, as heads of state and world leaders are confronted with the Fourth Industrial Revolution, climate change and the changing world economic cycle.

The Global Commission's report was launched at the ILO headquarters and will form part of this United Nations agency's centenary year.

The President has since his appointment in May 2018, as co-chair of the ILO Global Commission, hosted the Presidential Jobs Summit and the South Africa International Investment Conference in October 2018.

These fora sought, among other objectives, to strengthen inclusive planning in protecting and creating sustainable livelihoods in an era of rapid technological change and climate impact, and attract investment that will yield returns in a fast-evolving digital economy.

More recently, government and social partners embarked on implementation of the National Minimum Wage Act, which sets an historic precedent in the protection of low-earning workers and provides a platform to reduce inequality and decrease the huge disparities in income in the national labour market.

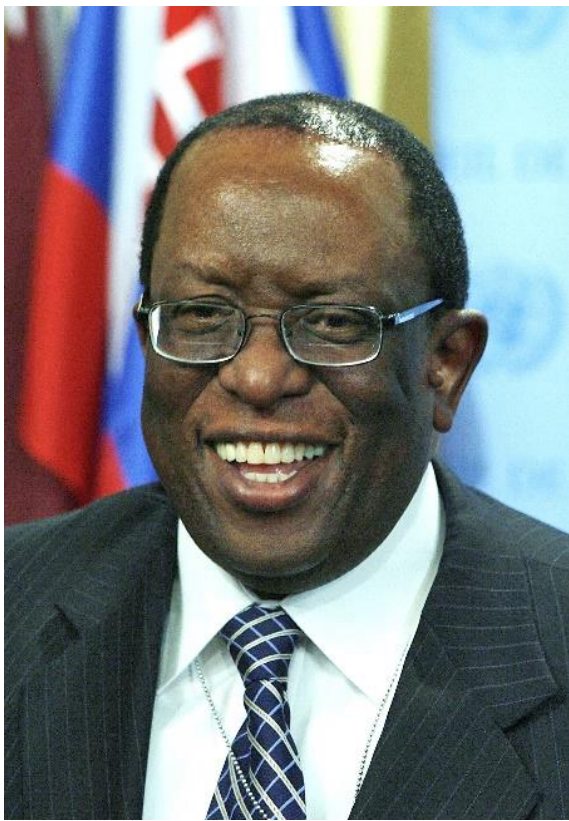
President Ramaphosa was accompanied by Labour Minister, Mildred Oliphant. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LATE AMBASSADOR DUMISANI KUMALO

***President Cyril Ramaphosa has paid tribute to longstanding diplomat and activist Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo who has passed away at the age of 71.***





The President has extended his sincerest condolences to the family, friends and comrades of Ambassador Kumalo in South Africa and elsewhere.

Ambassador Kumalo served as South Africa's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) in New York from 1999 to 2009, a period during which he represented South Africa during its first tenure on the UN Security Council (SC) from 2007 to 2008.

Ambassador Kumalo also served as Co-Chair for the establishment of the UN Human Rights Council; and was Chair at the UN of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Group of 77 plus China.

As an anti-apartheid campaigner, Ambassador Kumalo played an influential role in the process that led to the UN's declaration of apartheid as a crime against humanity.

President Ramaphosa said: "South Africa and the international community share this great loss with the family and friends of Ambassador Kumalo".

"We will remember this outstanding patriot, activist and consummate diplomat for influencing and guiding the global debate on apartheid and for asserting South Africa's role in the global community during

the early years of our democracy".

"Thanks to his passion for our country, Ambassador Kumalo was instrumental in South Africa's transition from a Pariah state to a partner to the international community".

"Ambassador Kumalo flew the flag not just for his own country, but for the SADC region, African and the nations of the Global South. He also championed the cause of building a multilateral system of global governance that would advance inclusion, fairness and peace among the nations of the world.

"His dedication and tenacity has ensured that South Africans and people around the world live in a better world today", concluded President Ramaphosa.

The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Lindiwe Sisulu, said Ambassador Kumalo had left a rich legacy as a multilateralist. "South Africans must celebrate the contribution Ambassador Kumalo made in the fight against apartheid during his years in exile in the United States, which culminated in the UNSC recognising apartheid as a crime against humanity. Ambassador Kumalo played an important role in promoting multilateralism and a strengthened and reformed UN. At a time when multilateralism is under threat, his experience is wisdom will be sorely missed," said Minister Sisulu.

He will also be remembered for having mentored many young diplomats at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) Head Office and those deployed to the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York. Acting President David Mabuza has declared a Special Official Funeral Category 2 for the late Ambassador Kumalo.

A Special Official Funeral Category 2 entails elements of police ceremonial honours in line with The Presidency's State, Official and Provincial Official Funeral Policy, for distinguished persons specifically designated by the President of the Republic of South Africa.

In line with this declaration, the national flag will fly at half-mast at all flag stations countrywide until the evening of the burial.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, 24 January 2019, at the OR Tambo Building, DIRCO.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, 26 January, at 9:00 at the Methodist Calvary Church, Halfway House, Midrand with the burial taking place at 11:30 at Westpark Cemetery.

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## **PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA CONGRATULATES FELIX TSHISEKEDI AS PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)**

**President Cyril Ramaphosa has, on behalf of the Government and the people of South Africa, congratulated Felix Tshisekedi Tshilombo as President-Elect of the DRC after the confirmation by the country's Constitutional Court.**



President Ramaphosa has called on all parties and all stakeholders in the DRC to respect the decision of the Constitutional Court and commit to continue with a journey of consolidating peace, uniting the people of Congo and creating a better life for all.

President Ramaphosa also congratulated the people of the DRC for conducting peaceful elections and commended them for exercising great restraint and staying calm when waiting for the Constitutional Court to make a determination. Now that the highest Court in the land has ruled, all the people of Congo and all stakeholders are urged to accept the outcome of the Court and move on to consolidate democracy and preserve peace, stability and security in the country.

President Ramaphosa reiterated the need to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRC in keeping with United Nations Charter, the African Union Constitutive Act and the Southern African Development Community Treaty.

President Ramaphosa also emphasised the need for the full implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework in the DRC and the Great Lakes Region.

President Ramaphosa concluded by assuring the President-Elect and the people of the DRC of South Africa's continued commitment to support them in the journey to peace, stability, security and development.

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## **PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA MOURNS PASSING OF AUTHOR-JOURNALIST HUGH LEWIN**

***President Cyril Ramaphosa recently sent heartfelt condolences on the passing of the acclaimed author, journalist and anti-apartheid activist who passed away at his home at the age of 79 on Wednesday, 16 January 2019.***



Mr Lewin worked as a journalist at the *Natal Witness*, *Drum Magazine* and the *Golden City Post*.

He later became Director of the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism in Johannesburg and served as a member of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Committee on Human Rights Violations in Gauteng.

As an author, he won the 2003 Olive Schreiner Prize for his prison memoir, *Bandiet Out of Jail* and in 2012 won the Alan Paton Award for another personal memoir, *Stones Against the Mirror*.

Under apartheid, Mr Lewin served a full prison sentence for sabotage and left South Africa on a "permanent exit permit" in 1971 to live in exile in the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe.

President Ramaphosa has noted: "We have lost an incredible writer and a valiant soldier who fought fearlessly for human rights and the justice and freedom that are the hallmarks of our democracy.

"His fighting spirit and humanity will forever be remembered by those he touched through his life, actions and also his written words. We send our sincere condolences to his family, friends and relatives. May his soul rest in peace."

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## **DEPUTY MINISTER LANDERS PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO MADAGASCAR**



***The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Luwellyn Landers, on Saturday, 19 January 2019, attended the Inauguration of President-Elect Andry Rajoelina in Antananarivo, representing President Cyril Ramaphosa and the people of South Africa.***



In a statement on 9 January, President Ramaphosa congratulated Madagascar for running a successful election and wished President-elect Rajoelina well in his term as the President of Madagascar. He also praised both leaders, Mr Rajoelina and Marc Ravalomanana, who were candidates in the run-off presidential election, for working together to ensure that the interests of the people of Madagascar came first.

“South Africa strongly supports national reconciliation, socio-economic development and a lasting political solution in Madagascar. Flowing from our history of struggle to achieve an inclusive and democratic constitutional order, we will continue to work within SADC and with other international partners to support

the people and Government of Madagascar”, said President Ramaphosa.

Deputy Minister Landers used his visit to Antananarivo to strengthen bilateral and socio-economic relations between the two countries.

The Deputy Minister had bilateral meetings with various high-level members of the Malagasy Government.

Madagascar and South Africa have strong bilateral relations and currently have a Memorandum of Understanding on Regular Diplomatic Consultations, which covers various areas of cooperation such as political, security, economic and social issues of mutual interest.



## **SA CALLS FOR CONTINUED PEACE EFFORTS IN SUDAN**

***South Africa has urged the African Union (AU)/United Nations (UN) Hybrid Mission (UNAMID) to continue to provide technical and logistical assistance to support peace efforts in Sudan.***

South Africa’s representative at the UN, Ambassador Jerry Matjila, made the call during a debate at the UN Security Council briefing on Sudan sanctions.

“We remain concerned at the continued violations of the arms embargo, including the transfer of weapons to Darfur, which destabilises the situation on the ground.

“In this regard, we urge UNAMID, in accordance with Resolution 2429 to continue to provide technical and logistical assistance to the Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission,” said Amb Matjila.



While South Africa welcomed the improvements in the security situation in Darfur, it urged the UNAMID to continue to ensure the protection of vulnerable civilians, especially in internally displaced people’s camps and in the prevention of gender-based violence.

Women and children are the most affected by sexual violence, which has also increasingly become a weapon of war and conflict affecting the long-term prospects for peaceful and prosperous communities.

“In this regard, we would like to commend the Government of Sudan for its efforts in trying to combat sexual violence in conflict,” said the Ambassador.

Amb Matjila also expressed concerned with the growing presence of Darfuri armed groups in Libya.

“Further violations of the embargo could potentially fuel the conflict in the region. This undermines any progress made towards stability and lasting solutions for peace and sustainable development,” he said.

Furthermore, South Africa welcomed the gains made in advancing the Darfur Peace Process and the implementation of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur and called on all parties to continue their commitment to the negotiations process under the auspices of the AU High-Level Implementation Panel.

The council had set out through Resolution 1591 to put pressure on parties which were impeding the peace process.  
– Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## SOUTH AFRICA HOSTS FIRST LEAD AUTHOR MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

*South Africa, through the Department of Environmental Affairs, is hosting the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II First Lead Author Meeting of the Sixth Assessment Report from 21 to 25 January 2019 in Durban.*



The IPCC is an international body for assessing the science related to climate change. It was set up in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organisation and United Nations Environment Programme to provide policymakers with regular assessments of the scientific basis of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and options for adaptation and mitigation.

The IPCC assessments provide a scientific basis for governments at all levels to develop climate-related policies, and they underlie negotiations at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The assessments are policy-relevant but not policy-prescriptive. They may present projections of future climate change based on different scenarios and the risks that climate change poses and discuss the implications of response options, but they do not prescribe to policymakers what actions to take.

With 195 members and thousands of people from all over the world contributing to its work, the IPCC is divided into three working groups and a task force. Working Group I deals with The Physical Science Basis of Climate Change, Working Group II with Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability and Working Group III with Mitigation of Climate Change. The main objective of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories is to develop and refine a methodology for the calculation and reporting of national greenhouse gas emissions and removals.

The IPCC Working Group Lead Authors is focussing on the assessment of relevant literature, especially since the Fifth Assessment Report. The opening ceremony was addressed by IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee, Vice Chair Youba



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## SA AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS GROWING STEADILY

***South African agricultural exports have been growing steadily over the last five years despite challenges including drought, bouts of food-and-mouth disease, and avian and swine flu over the same period.***

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Senzeni Zokwana, attributed the positive results to the collaborative work between the department's attachés, plant health, animal health, international trade directorates, as well as industry bodies.

“The work included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and protocols by the Minister with BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) member countries. We have seen exponential growth of exports with countries like Japan (46%) and we have gained market access for new products in countries like the United States, China, India, Philippines, etc,” Minister Zokwana said.



Minister Zokwana highlighted these milestones during a service delivery forum held in Cape Town recently.

The forum brought together the public and private sectors and civil society to engage on how the sectors can contribute to the delivery agreement of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## SA RECORDS HIGH TRAVELLER MOVEMENTS OVER FESTIVE SEASON

***South Africa has recorded 6 852 972 traveller movements at its ports of entry, up from 6 811 510 movements in 2018.***



Briefing the media on traveller statistics on Sunday, 20 January 2019, Home Affairs Minister, Siyabonga Cwele, said the increased movements were influenced mainly by tourism, cross-border employment and business and education programmes.

The statistics are for the period 1 December 2018 to 15 January 2019.

“Statistics on traveller movement are an important indicator on how busy our ports are, and how efficient we are in processing movements. When comparing statistics for the period 1 December to 15 January over the

past two years, we see a marginal increase of 0,61%. This year we recorded 6 852 972 movements compared to 6 811 510 movements in 2018,” said Minister Cwele.

The top nationalities cleared at ports of entry over this period were from Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique,



Swaziland, Botswana, United Kingdom, Germany, United States, Namibia and Zambia. OR Tambo International Airport cleared the highest volumes, with 997 167. It was followed by Beitbridge at 884 992, Lebombo with 625 975, Ficksburg Bridge with 471 474 and Maseru Bridge with 428 038. – Source: SAnews.gov.za

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## RARE ANTELOPE BORN AT WINE FARM IN SOMERSET WEST

***One of the rarest antelope species in southern Africa is thriving in the unexpected setting of a Somerset West wine estate. Vergelegen, which hosts 100 000 local and international visitors annually, has welcomed nine newborns to its growing bontebok herd this summer.***



There are currently 50 bonteboks on the 319-year-old estate, which was acquired by Anglo American plc in 1987.

Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*) are recognisable by purplish highlights on their sleek chocolate-brown coats, a white rump patch, and a white blaze on their faces.

They once roamed the Southern Cape in large numbers, but hunting decimated them to only 17 in the world.

These animals were saved by the Van der Bijl and other farming families, and in due course, the Bontebok National Park was established. There are

now between 2 500 and 3 000 bonteboks in the world.

Bontebok thrive at Vergelegen, which recently declared 1 900 hectares of the 3 000 hectare estate a private nature reserve. – Source: [www.saeople.com](http://www.saeople.com)

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## IMPEY WINS FIRST BACK-TO-BACK TOUR DOWN UNDER TITLES

***South Africa's Daryl Impey hung on up the torturous final Willunga Hill to become the first cyclist to win back-to-back titles at Australia's Tour Down Under outside Adelaide on Sunday, 20 January 2019.***

Mitchelton-Scott's Impey, who won last year's UCI season-opening event on countback, dug in to take this year's general classification behind sixth-stage winner Richie Porte of Australia up the physically-demanding 3km climb to the finish line.



Impey, with a total time of 20 hours, 30 minutes, 42 seconds, beat Porte by 13 seconds for the race with Dutchman Wouter Poels of Sky Team a further four seconds away in third place overall.

No one has won consecutive titles in the 21 years of the Tour Down Under, while Porte, the 2017 Tour winner, has been runner-up four times.

"I never dreamed to come here and win twice in a row," Impey said.

"Every year we come here with strong ambitions. I knew the competition is always tough. I just believed in myself, and it was just fantastic to pull it off." – Source: [www.sport24.co.za](http://www.sport24.co.za)

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## SA-BUILT TOYOTA HILUX WINS 2019 DAKAR RALLY

***This year's Dakar Rally has been won in a South African built Toyota Hilux, with Nasser Al-Attiyah of Qatar finishing the epic rally with a 46 minute advantage after taking no risks on the final stage to Lima.***



While this was Al-Attiyah's third Dakar win (the previous ones were with Mini in 2015 and Volkswagen in 2011), it was a magical first victory for the Proudly South African Toyota Gazoo Racing SA team.

Sainz's compatriot Nani Roma, in an X-Raid Mini, finished second overall with nine times rally world champion Sebastien Loeb, runner-up in the stage, completing the podium with a privately-entered Peugeot in the absence of a works entry.

The final stage, however, was won by last year's champion, Spaniard Carlos Sainz, with the cautious Al-Attiyah coming in 12th, and some nine minutes slower.

Runner-up in 2018, the Qatari led after every stage bar the second day in this year's event when South African team-mate Giniel de Villiers was ahead. Although he had made a strong start to the rally, De Villiers' finished ninth overall, having lost more than four-and-a-half hours in Stage 3 after hitting a rock that was hidden in the sand.

"Obviously we came here to try to win the race," said De Villiers. "But once that dream ended, we were happy to support Nasser and Mathieu's effort. If we couldn't win it ourselves, the next best thing was for one of our team-mates to take the victory, and I am overjoyed at the final result."

Al Attiyah said: "We are so happy to win the Dakar – not only for ourselves, but also for Toyota and the entire Toyota Gazoo Racing SA team. Everyone has worked so hard for so long, and really deserve this. Thank you for letting us drive this car." – Source: [www.iol.co.za](http://www.iol.co.za)

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## FOUR CAPETONIANS MAKE HISTORY CROSSING ATLANTIC IN 4-SEATER BOAT

***A group of friends from Cape Town became the only all-South African team to row a four-seater boat across the Atlantic when they completed the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge on Sunday night, 20 January 2019.***

Cole Barnard, Grant Soll, Lee Gordon and Matt Boynton have become the youngest people to have ever rowed across the Atlantic, unaided and in the name of charity. Mad4Waves is raising money for education for recycled plastic school desks and for the Make a Difference (Mad) foundation.

The team partnered with the Mad Leadership Foundation, an initiative that provides young, underprivileged people with scholarships, with the objective of sponsoring a promising child through high school and also raising funds to provide desks for 1000 learners across South Africa.

Each donation to their campaign will provide two pupils with a shared desk. The Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge is the world's number one ocean endurance race and is widely considered to be one of the hardest challenges on the planet: racing across the Atlantic in nothing but a rowing boat. – Source: [www.iol.co.za](http://www.iol.co.za)

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