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CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF A WORLD ICON AND A LIFE OF SERVICE

FOREWORD

By Nomvula Mokonyane

The United Nations General Assembly declared 18 July, the birthday of our Struggle icon former President Nelson Mandela, the annual Nelson Mandela International Day. On 18 July this year, our icon would have turned 100 and in celebration of his centenary, South Africa and the world have embarked on a year-long celebration programme.

The focal point of his birthday on 18 July under the theme: "Be the Legacy: Celebrating the birth of a world icon and a life of service", provided people an opportunity to create their own legacy of service.

In recognition of the enormity of this particular day, 18 July 2018 was declared a "National Day of Service" in South Africa instead of the usual 67 Minutes for Mandela.

On this day, individuals and communities all over our nation undertook acts of service aimed at making a tangible difference in their spheres of influence.

Tata Mandela knew that change would never be easy, and that it would require sacrifice and a singleness of purpose. The numerous obstacles he faced were never seen as impediments, but rather as building blocks for a better and brighter future.



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This is the philosophy we should follow in tackling the many pressing challenges in our communities and in society. Viewed in isolation, the triple challenge of poverty, inequality and unemployment is daunting. But when we begin to break our challenges down into more manageable pieces, anything seems possible.

For instance, when those with the means provide opportunities for fellow South Africans to flourish, we begin to undo the negative legacy of our past. When all these little acts are combined with millions of others, we will begin to see a real and lasting change.

The “National Day of Service” on 18 July was a start of this revolution. No act of kindness or service, no matter how small, ever goes unnoticed. It is also true that positive actions inevitably inspire others to do the same.

There are of course those who feel that acts of kindness or volunteerism on Nelson Mandela International Day are mere tokens. However, the legacy of Madiba teaches us that no act of kindness or service, especially to those most vulnerable in our society, is considered inadequate.

It is also most fitting that Mandela shares a centenary with Mama Albertina Sisulu, a truly remarkable person and a woman of fortitude. She too knew the value of service to her people above all else, and especially to those whom society has rendered vulnerable. The elderly, children, the frail and sick – all knew her loving touch.

Throughout her life, she displayed an indomitable spirit of courage and defiance, despite facing institutionalised racism and oppression. As we continue to celebrate the centenaries of two giants of our liberation, our eyes turn to National Women’s Month, during which we will celebrate the life and times of Mama Sisulu. She along with other women helped to turn the tide of history on 9 August 1956 when they defiantly marched to the Union Buildings to protest against pass laws.

Therefore, Women’s Day and Women’s Month have been dedicated to celebrating the centenary and legacy

of Mama Sisulu, who would have turned 100 years old on 21 October 2018.

President Cyril Ramaphosa will lead this year’s Women’s Day event, in celebration of the legacy of Mama Sisulu. Several other planned events include an event by the

Department of Water and Sanitation that focuses on young women who benefited from the department’s youth programmes, as well as a play which celebrates the life and legacy of Mama Sisulu.

As we continue to celebrate the legacies of our icons, government calls on all South Africans to make 2018 a year of reflection and an opportunity to kick-start a revolution of service and goodwill, which will transcend borders.

We encourage our fellow citizens to continue going into their communities to “lend a hand” to those in need. Any activity which is selfless inspires hope and brings about change to the disadvantaged, and will go a long way in spreading a

new legacy of hope and service.

Tata Mandela left an indelible mark on our society, having laid the foundation for a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous society. His long walk and that of many others of his generation, including his dear friend Mama Sisulu, still reverberates in our country and across the world today.

As we close Mandela Month, let us be inspired by the legacy that they left behind, a lasting legacy for us to follow and emulate. In our commitment to ensure a just and fair society for all, including the rights to dignity and freedom of expression, we too can build an enduring legacy.

The 100 year anniversary of the lives of these two Struggle icons is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to their principles and build the nation we envisioned at the start of our democracy.

All South Africans have a responsibility to promote freedom and defend our democracy in honour of Madiba’s ideals and the fortitude of Mama Sisulu. No matter how small the action, let us change the world for the better.



Remembering Madiba

Q&A with Minister Jeff Radebe, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the Centenary of Mandela and Sisulu.

Q: You have spent some years of your life in Robben Island where former President Nelson Mandela was also imprisoned. Can you share some of your memories from there?

A: The apartheid regime sought to destroy our morale through imprisonment. You will recall President Mandela's own account on the hard labour at the quarry on Robben Island. The small sizes of the cells were designed to ensure we lost our desire to fight for our freedom and democracy. It was the same tactics applied to many of our comrades, including the banishment of the late Mama Winnie Madikizela Mandela to Brandfort in the Free State. But we the younger generation were inspired to fight alongside our heroes such as Madiba, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba and many others. My experience is that Robben Island failed in its design to discourage the struggle against apartheid, as the unfolding history would later attest.

Q: You have also served as Minister of Public Works under President Nelson Mandela's Presidency. What was it like to work under his leadership?

A: Firstly, it was an honour and a privilege not only to be appointed the first Minister of Public Works by our iconic leader Mandela, but also to serve our people in the very nascent attempts at reversing the legacy of apartheid and colonialism. President Mandela was fully aware of the urgent need to transform South Africa to reflect the ideals of freedom and democracy that we fought for, as reflected in our Constitution and the Freedom Charter. All of us who served under him shared this passion, as we all had not only lived under apartheid, but had also fought for its demise. It was an age of triumph of good over evil. We did not need any motivation, but to see that the aspirations of our people become their lived experience. The evident inequality, unemployment and poverty amongst our people defined by race, class and gender inspired us to fulfil the manifesto mandate we derived from our people through the national democratic elections. President Mandela gave

us the mandate to lead in transforming the socio-economic conditions of our people through a prudent state apparatus. We knew we had his full support and likewise, he knew he had the full support of all of us in his Cabinet.

Q: What are some of the lessons you have taken from President Mandela?

A: President Mandela did everything with passion. I learnt from him that to be a leader of the people you must have passion for the resolution of their challenges. I also learnt from him that you must look into the common good of the country,

particularly its future. President Mandela exemplified this through his continued work in championing the welfare of children even beyond his retirement. I also learnt from him that enemies could be won over into cooperating towards the common interests of the country. The ideals of a non-racial society were important attributes in all the years of his struggle for freedom and democracy. In this I learnt overall to believe in the new nation that we must continue to consolidate from the ruins of our past conflicts.

Q: How would you like South Africans to commemorate Mandela's life?

A: One important fact is that Madiba and most of his generation were released from prison very late in their lives. Consequently, they could not finish their historic mission to liberate and transform the socio-economic conditions. If it was possible for those departed to look down on us, they would expect us to continue on the trajectory of the historic mission of the African National Congress, the Freedom Charter and the promise of our Constitution to usher in a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic, equal and prosperous society. Ultimately, we owe it not only to Madiba and his generation but equally importantly to ourselves, our children and all posterity. The best legacy as a tribute to Madiba is that we too must curve our own individual and collective walks to freedom by effecting a radical socio-economic transformation of society.





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Obama:

"We must never abandon Madiba's Struggle"

By The Nelson Mandela Foundation

Former US President Barack Obama believes in "Nelson Mandela's vision ... I believe in justice and in a premise that all of us are created equal."

Obama delivered the 16th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture, in partnership with the Motsepe Foundation, in Johannesburg on 17 July 2018.

To honour the centennial of Madiba's birth, the lecture's theme was "Renewing the Mandela Legacy and Promoting Active Citizenship in a Changing World", and focused on creating conditions for bridging divides, working across ideological lines, and resisting oppression and inequality.

Welcoming assembled guests to the lecture, Nelson Mandela Foundation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sello Hatang said, "It's a very exciting moment for us."

Hatang invited guests onto the stage: Programme director Busi Mkhumbuzi; Foundation Chairperson Professor Njabulo Ndebele; Motsepe Foundation founder and CEO Dr Patrice

Motsepe; activist and Madiba's widow, Graça Machel; President Cyril Ramaphosa; and Obama.

Mkhumbuzi, a young entrepreneur who is a co-founder of the Tshimong debating, leadership and public speaking initiative, told the audience that despite notable human progress, global political trends showed that democracy and the values that Mandela had espoused were under siege.

She listed these values as tolerance, inclusivity and the rule of law, and said that they needed to be reinvigorated and Mandela's legacy should especially motivate the youth, who "I believe are the true custodians of our future".

Ndebele said the 15 000-strong crowd that filled the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg was the largest lecture audience in the 15-year history of the Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture. He said the late Ahmed Kathrada, as a Foundation trustee, had always wanted the Annual Lecture to take place in a stadium. His wish has been granted.



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Ndebele said the world had welcomed Obama's election to the US Presidency in 2008 and that he had inspired universal belief in human unity. Later, the realities of the US political system had tested Obama "to the limit", but when he took office on 20 January 2009 those who supported him dreamed of a global future.

Motsepe said: "The presence of each and every one here is living proof that the legacy and spirit of Nelson Mandela is alive."

Machel said Madiba's centenary was an opportunity to celebrate Madiba "in all his incredible uniqueness", and also to celebrate him as a representative of a broader collective leadership that had led South Africa and South Africans to freedom.

Mandela, as South Africa's first democratically elected President, and Obama, as the US's first African-American President, were symbols of "victory over adversity", Machel said.

"Today we are in the presence of two inspiring symbols," she declared.

Ramaphosa, who received a standing ovation, said the Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture, from the very beginning, had been "global in its ambition and broad and inclusive in its outreach". Speakers had sought to describe the tasks that needed to be undertaken to further secure the well-being of humanity.

Ramaphosa said that his Thuma Mina (send me) message was "none other than Mandela's message" of personal service.

Ramaphosa said Obama, as US President, embodied many of the values and aspirations that we saw in great leaders like Mandela – humility, wisdom, compassion, the ability to inspire hope and inspire a nation to action. "Like Mandela, Obama had dedicated his life to championing the cause of the poor and pursuing justice."



President Cyril Ramaphosa with former US President Barack Obama at the 16th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture on 17 July 2018.

Concluding that South Africa had in Obama found an ally, a kindred spirit and a brother, Ramaphosa welcomed him to the podium to deliver the 16th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture.

Obama continued, "[Mandela] came to embody the universal aspirations of dispossessed people all around the world with hopes for a better life and the possibility of a moral transformation in the conduct of human affairs.

"Madiba's light shone so brightly ... that in the late seventies he could inspire a young college student on the other side of the world to re-examine my own priorities – to reconsider the small role that I might play in bending the arc towards justice.

"And now an entire generation has now grown up in a world that by most measures has gotten steadily freer, healthier, wealthier, less violent and more tolerant during the course of their lifetimes. It should make us hopeful.

In his speech Obama tracked the enormous social and democratic progress the world has made in the 100 years between Mandela's 1918 birth and 2018.

The world had changed from one just emerging from a devastating war and in which most of what is now the developing world was under colonial rule, Obama said. Women, across the world, were seen as subordinate to men, some races were seen – almost universally – as naturally subordinate and inferior to others, and business saw nothing wrong in seeking to exploit workers, of any race or creed.

Since then colonialism had come to an end and the world



Nelson Mandela Foundation Chairperson Njabulo Ndebele and CEO Sello Hatang greet former US President Barack Obama, who delivered the 16th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture on 17 July 2018.

The world's wealthiest people often had disproportionate economic clout and influence over the media and economic policy.

At the end of the 20th century, when some were declaring the end of history, too many world leaders missed the growing backlash against the socio-economic transformation that had taken place, Obama said, a return to politics of fear and resentment that began to appear at "a pace unimaginable a few years ago".

The former US President said, however, that he still believed in "the vision of Nelson Mandela", one that was shared by people such as Indian human rights activist Mahatma Gandhi and American civil rights activist Martin

Luther King: "Let me tell you what I believe. I believe in Nelson Mandela's vision, I believe in a vision shared by Gandhi and King. I believe in justice and in a premise that all of us are created equal."

"A vision built on the premise that all people are free ... that we can achieve more through international peace and cooperation."

He said the only way to effectively address global challenges such as climate change and disease was through developing systems for increased international cooperation, not less.

Obama said the world needed to keep in mind that "we are all bound together by common humanity" and that he found it surprising that he had to aver this fact in today's world.

Mandela had showed the world it was important to teach children to engage with people who were different from them or held different views.

"We must never abandon Madiba's persistent struggle for hope, the long walk to freedom, justice and equality," Obama said.

had, in general, embraced a new vision for humanity, based on the principles of democracy, the rule of law, civil rights and the inherent dignity of every single individual, Obama said.

This kind of progress was the kind of progress to which Mandela had dedicated his life, he said. At the outset his Struggle was focused on South Africa and its disenfranchised non-white population. Later it broadened to encompass humanity.

Technology and the Internet had also brought massive progress.

"Now an entire generation has grown up a world that has become freer, healthier, wealthier and more tolerant, in the course of their lifetime. That should make us hopeful."

But the world stands on the brink of letting go of all this progress, because leaders had ignored its negative aspects.

Women and girls were still often oppressed and subject to abuse, and while there had been general economic progress, many individuals had been bypassed. A handful of people held more wealth than the "bottom half" of humanity and economic development often tracked old wealth patterns.

Memorial Lecture coincides with Madiba's centenary

By Nomaxabiso Tata



Waiting for proceedings to be officially opened, in the front row Executive Mayor of OR Tambo District Municipality, Cllr Nomakhosazana Meth, Prof Lumumba and MMC in OR Tambo District Municipality, Ms Thando Mledle.

The Nelson Mandela Memorial Lecture takes place annually. However, the one hosted by the OR Tambo District Municipality, National Heritage Council (NHC) and Walter Sisulu University (WSU) on 17 July 2018 was different this year because it coincided with the centenary of the great Struggle icon.



Prof Mlungiseleli Jadezweni representing the WSU, welcomes the audience to the Nelson Mandela Memorial Lecture.

The CEO of the NHC, Adv Sonwabile Mancotywa, introduced Kenyan intellectual and international human rights activist Prof Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba to the audience, who was invited to deliver the lecture. He said Prof Lumumba "is not only an academic but an organic intellectual."



CEO of the NHC and Programme Director of the day, Adv Sonwabile Mancotywa.

The Executive Mayor of the OR Tambo District Municipality, Cllr Nomakhosazana Meth, mentioned that the WSU was an iconic and revolutionary institution. She said the Chancellor of the university, Ms Sheila Sisulu, is the daughter of another Struggle stalwart, Mama Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu, whose centenary is also being celebrated this year.



CEO of SAA, Mr Vuyani Jarana, addresses the audience, sharing his experience of Mandela and introduces Prof Lumumba.

In his lecture, Prof Lumumba pointed out that this was a distinguishable lecture as it was taking place in the birthplace of Madiba and Mama Sisulu, which reflected the Eastern Cape as a land of production. He added that we would not move with the tide even though it may be tempting. He invited all to ask themselves "very pertinent questions as Africans who enjoy democracy today". He tabled these questions as those that Mandela would have posed to us, noting that Mandela today would have remembered a terrible regime of 1965 that institutionalized apartheid.



On stage with Adv Mancotywa, South African award-winning artist Zahara entices the audience to a musical item.



Jubilation as praise poet Mzwakhe Mbuli and Zahara share a song with the audience.



Prof Lumumba about to deliver the lecture.



A delighted audience warmly welcomes Prof Lumumba on stage.

He emphasised that history was only valuable to the extent that we did not repeat the past ills.

In closing, Prof Lumumba said, “As Africa is in turmoil, we need to ask whether we have become richer or poorer in the

advent of democracy. Nelson Mandela did not live in vein, as beyond the rhetoric we need to go out and do it – be the legacy”.



Ms Andy Mafunda

“I am happy to be afforded an opportunity to listen in real time to this speaker. I thank the municipality for bringing such an eloquent speaker. I feel resurrected.”



Ms Thando Mdledle

“Prof Lumumba's belief in us as Africans gives me a beacon of hope that we need not look outside to solve our issues. We really need to foster social cohesion.”

Special Orchid renamed after Mama Albertina Sisulu

By Lihle Dlamini, SANBI

The botanical name of the critically endangered orchid, *Brachycorythis conica* subsp. *Transvaalensis*, which grows a mere 2.5 km, is a tongue twister and there is no common name for it. After much research, the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) decided to name the species the Albertina Sisulu Orchid, in commemoration of anti-apartheid stalwart Mama Albertina Sisulu.

The orchid was first discovered in 1918 – that is the same year that Mama Sisulu was born in the then Transkei, making this a double centenary this year. The orchid was only given its botanical name by a botanist from Kew Gardens in England in 1955 – the year that Mama Sisulu joined the African National Congress Women's League and took part in the launch of the Freedom Charter. The orchid was last seen a year later in 1956, the year that Mama Sisulu joined Mama Helen Joseph and Mama Sophia Williams-De Bruyn, in a march of over 20 000 women against the apartheid pass laws to the Union Buildings in Pretoria.



The orchid was not seen again or recorded again for 51 years until 2007 – just four years before the passing of Mama Sisulu – when it was rediscovered by Andrew Hankey (Specialist Horticulturist at SANBI – Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden). This is a very rare orchid which grows in the hills just above the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden.

With the rediscovery, the need to conserve the greater area has become even more urgent as this is now the last known viable population of this very rare orchid species on earth. In 2015, the species was up listed from the Endangered to Critically Endangered on the Red List of South African plants.





Albertina Sisulu Orchid

Therefore, the need to conserve the habitat that supports the orchid has become of dire importance, as the loss of the orchid at this location could mean the extinction of the species.

One problem is that the orchid has a long and complicated scientific name, which is not useful for publicity and awareness purposes, as such the public fail to identify with the plight of the orchid. The orchid currently has no South African or English name. Since the plant occurs (partly) on Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden property, and since the name Sisulu has both influence and is easily identified by all, the proposed name was the “Albertina Sisulu Orchid”. It was important to give it an African name that reflects its value as a uniquely South African natural heritage which can be found nowhere else in the world.

On 10 July 2018, during the unveiling of the Sisulu Circle, renowned artist Daleen Roodt presented a limited-edition print of the very special and beautiful Albertina Sisulu Orchid to the Sisulu family. Karsten Wodrich, Vice Chairperson of the Wild Orchids Southern Africa (WOSA) handed over the print on behalf of the Proteadale Conservation Association (PCA) and WOSA.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ORCHID:

- It was first recorded in 1918.
- Since 1918 it has been recorded 16 times (mostly from Gauteng).
- Until its rediscovery in 2007, it was last recorded in 1956.
- In 2007 the species was rediscovered at the Krugersdorp locality by a horticulturist from the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden (Andrew Hankey).
- The species occurs in natural grassland that has never been ploughed or disturbed. It was formerly scattered over a wide area over Gauteng but all other known locations have since been urbanised with the expansion of Johannesburg, Pretoria and surrounding cities.
- Initially, the Mogale City Local Municipality (MCLM) recognised the value of conserving the area and proposed to proclaim it as an Urban Biodiversity Reserve (2005).
- However, the PCA was legally challenging the MCLM's 2009 proposal to develop the area for housing.

Nelson Mandela Rules launched at the Drakenstein Correctional Centre

By Samantha Ramsewaki

In February 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from the Victor Verster Prison (later renamed Drakenstein Correctional Centre) on the outskirts of Paarl, after 27 years of incarceration as a political prisoner. It was therefore fitting that 28 years later, in Madiba's centenary year, the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Adv Michael Masutha, launched the Nelson Mandela Rules at the Drakenstein Management Area on 24 July 2018.



Minister Michael Masutha unveils a plaque at the Drakenstein Management Area that marks the historical moment of South Africa launching the Nelson Mandela Rules on 24 July 2018. From left are Deputy Minister Thabang Makwetla, Akisheva Zhulyza (UNODC), National Commissioner of Correctional Services Arthur Fraser, Major General Andre Lincoln (SAPS), Shaun Abrahams (National Director of Public Prosecutions), Rear Admiral Mokgadi Maphoto (SANDF) and Minister Masutha.

Distinguished guests included Ms Akisheva Zhulyza, who represented the United Nations (UN) Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Public Protector, Adv Busisiwe Mkhwebane, National Director of Public Prosecutions, Adv Shaun Abrahams, and representatives from other national departments responsible for implementing the rules, such as the South African Police Service and South African National Defence Force.

In honour of former President Mandela, the UN General Assembly adopted the revised Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in December 2015 as 'The Nelson Mandela Rules'.

The revised rules stemmed from five years of consultations between UN member states, which culminated in a landmark harmonisation between the original version of the rules (first adopted in 1955), current international law and best prison management practices across the globe.

Nine substantive areas were revised in the 122 rules. These are:

1. Respect for prisoners' inherent dignity;
2. Medical and health services;

3. Disciplinary measures and sanctions;
4. Investigations of deaths and torture in custody;
5. Protection of vulnerable groups;
6. Access to legal representation;
7. Complaints and independent inspection;
8. Terminology; and
9. Training of staff.

"They [The Mandela Rules] provide a comprehensive and powerful guide that will enable us to implement our laws, including our own Constitution more effectively and in a more coordinated way, for the betterment of our inmates," Minister Masutha said.

Ms Zhulyza said, "The African Correctional Services Association has called for cooperation across the continent to advance prison reform. A resolution has been taken that 18 July be declared Africa Prison Day".

With the view to building momentum in corrections reform, the UNODC developed a checklist to assess compliance to the revised rules. The publication aims at assisting internal inspection mechanisms in correctional administration.

Mr Clinton Le Roux, who is serving a life sentence at the Drakenstein Correctional Centre, spoke movingly about the impact correctional officials have had in his path to rehabilitation. Mr Mandlankosi Bula, an ex-offender, said the department's partnership with a halfway house in Franschhoek gave him the chance during his parole placement to fulfil his ambition. Bula has since become a chef and he is permanently employed. "Those with the heart to be corrected, corrections can correct you," Bula said.

Minister Masutha called on every correctional official to rededicate themselves to the department's mandate. "In this way, we will become leading champions for the implementation of the Mandela Rules," he said.



Ex-offender Mandlankosi Bula spoke eloquently at the launch of the Nelson Mandela Rules. He spent his youth years behind bars at Drakenstein Youth Correctional Centre. Bula attributed his successful reintegration into society to the department's halfway house partnerships where he spent his parole period. He currently manages a guest house in Franschhoek in the Western Cape and he has realised his dream of becoming a chef.

Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (NMCF) hosts a Youth Summit

By Vuyokazi Kakaza, NMCF

"Our children are the rock on which our future will be built, our greatest asset as a nation. They will be the leaders of our country, the creators of our national wealth, those who care for and protect our people," – President Nelson Mandela at the dedication of Qunu and Nkalane schools in 1995.

As part of the Nelson Mandela 100 Year Celebrations, themed "A Mandela in Every Generation" and "Be the Legacy", the NMCF – in partnership with the Department of Tourism and

Parliament of South Africa – hosted the Youth Summit on 11 July 2018 at the National Assembly in Parliament, Cape Town.

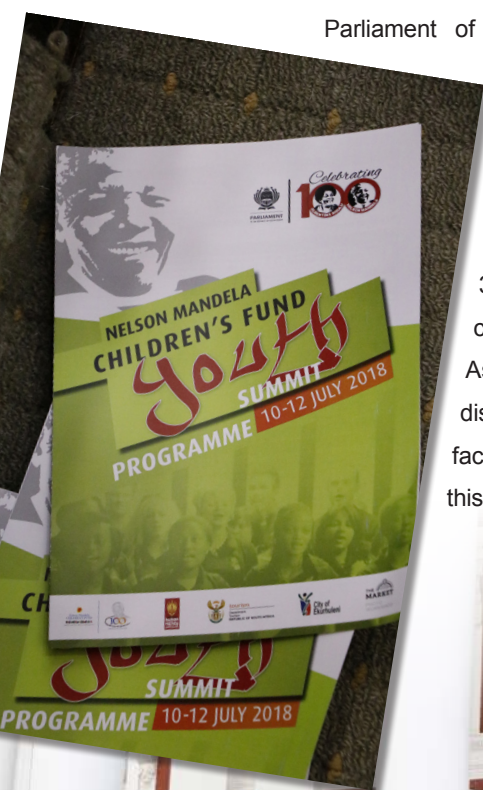
It is not every day that 350 young South Africans convene in the National Assembly of Parliament to discuss the challenges they face. The NMCF created this rare opportunity as part

of the Youth Summit, where children and youth up to age 22 were invited to share the difficulties they face, especially with regards to education, social welfare and employment.

People in decision-making and policy-creating positions, who were the relevant people required to hear what these young people had to say, attended the summit. Government was represented by Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Mr Lechesa Tsenoli and the Auditor-General of South Africa, Mr Thembekile Makwetu. Also present was a representative from the South African Human Rights Commission, Mr Dire Tladi and one of the founding members of the Obama Foundation, Ms Mary Zients.

After the opening and a welcome to the Chambers by Mr Tsenoli, several guests and participants delivered speeches, including the NMCF CEO, Ms Sibongile Mkhabela, the Child Speaker of 2018 Children's Parliament, Honourable Mr Sluleko Ndlovu and Minister Hanekom, who delivered the keynote address.

The participants were given the opportunity to pose questions to the guest speakers and share their concerns, including to Minister Hanekom, members of Chapter 9 institutions and high-ranking political party members.



The robust debate highlighted a number of issues affecting young people, including education, health and youth unemployment.

One young woman said the services at local clinics needed to be greatly improved. She argued that girls and young women had stopped going for family planning services because nurses would not speak to them about contraception.



Another young woman pointed out that many political parties made promises to the youth that they did not keep. She said it broke their will, making them feel belittled and helpless.

One participant said that there was not enough focus on mental health in schools and many schools did not have full-time psychologists. "There is still too much stigma around mental health issues, and this needs to be dealt with on a national and local level," she said.

Another speaker said young people in rural areas needed to be educated about human rights, so that they could know when their rights were being violated and how to report them. The issue of little, if any, education around albinism and disability issues, was also raised.

The participants were asked: What kind of South Africa do you want to see?

In brief, their two main responses were:

1. Full and quality education, and equality of education, saying:
 - "We want the same as (former) Model C schools – a laboratory, sports facilities and the same level of teaching".
 - "I dream of a South Africa where I can have meals before schools".
2. A government that proactively provides jobs to the youth and graduates, including those who have just graduated from Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges, many of whom end up unemployed.

Apart from the dialogues and discussions, the special day was also characterised by a dance performance by the Young Mbazo and impromptu songs by participants.



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WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE THIS #MANDELADAY

Be the Legacy

Mandela Day Activities

Higher Education and Training keeps Madiba's dream alive in the Eastern Cape

By Siyabonga Nxumalo

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), led by Minister Naledi Pandor, celebrated the birthday of former President Nelson Mandela on 18 July by making a difference in the lives of young people in Mthatha and Mvezo in the Eastern Cape. Mandela would have turned 100 years on 18 July 2018.

Minister Pandor was joined by the MEC for Education in the Eastern Cape, Mr Mandla Makupulo at King Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college for the official opening of two student residences.

The state-of-the-art student residences will provide much-needed accommodation to almost 600 KSD students. Aptly named Rolihlahla and Albertina, after Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and Mama Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu, whose centenaries South Africa is celebrating this year, the two residences cost R60 million.

Speaking at the function, the Minister said that the completion of the accommodation sent a strong message that government was taking TVET colleges seriously. Minister Pandor said the budget allocation to the TVET sector this year indicated a clear intention to support colleges so that they become first-choice

institutions for young people.

"The TVET college sector can, if properly supported, make a huge contribution to South Africa achieving its human resource development goals," said the Minister.

She said the 50 TVET colleges, with an enrolment of 700 000 students, were allocated R10.7 billion this year and R1.3 billion is for an infrastructure grant – the first since 2004 that government earmarked such funding.

Minister Pandor also addressed over 1 500 Grade 11 and 12 learners for the annual DHET Nelson Mandela Day Career Development Festival held at the Mandela School of Science and Technology in Mvezo.

The festival provides high school learners from rural areas the opportunity to interact with, and get career guidance and information on career options and decisions, Post-School Education and Training (PSET) study opportunities and funding for studies.

Special emphasis is given to apprenticeships, learnerships and studies at TVET colleges. Local institutions of higher learning and training, sector education and training authorities and industry professionals were also present.



The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Ms Naledi Pandor, with the MEC for Education in the Eastern Cape, Mr Mandla Makupulo, officially opened two student residences at the KSD TVET College in Mthatha on 18 July 2018. The residences, for both male and female students, have a combined total of 547 beds and cost R60 million.





Minister Pandor used the opportunity to encourage the learners to apply on time for a space in institutions of higher learning and training.

"So I say to all Grade 12 learners, apply now. Apply for a place in a university. Apply for a place in a college. Take an opportunity. Reach for a dream. Do it for Mandela," Minister Pandor said.

As part of the motivation to learners to apply on time and

take up opportunities in the PSET, Minister Pandor said that the DHET would provide full-cost bursaries to the top 100 performing learners in the OR Tambo District Municipality.

The bursaries will assist learners from Quintile One to Three schools within the district, who wish to pursue skills in high demand. They will be chosen in consultation with the schools and the district, and must be top Grade 12 achievers in 2018.

Mandela Day for a 115-year-old man

By Thandinkosi Zulu



A team from the Department of Public Works and Ms Nomzamo Zondi from the GCIS giving a fresh coat to Mr Khuzwayo's house.



Mr Khuzwayo and his wife after receiving the new SASSA card.

The community of Vumbuka outside Dundee in KwaZulu-Natal, among them a 115-year-old Mr Misiso Khuzwayo, had a real taste of Madiba's touch when they received food, groceries, blankets and assistive devices, as part of the recent countrywide Mandela Day celebrations.

This year on 18 July marked the centenary of former President Nelson Mandela, the global icon who dedicated his lifetime to fighting for a better life for all.



The team of Operation Sukuma Sakhe and Endumeni Mayor Cllr Sboniso Mbatha celebrating with Mr Khuzwayo.



The GCIS helping some of the pensioners with the SASSA card swap on Mandela Day.

On this day, GCIS officials, together with various government departments from Endumeni and Utrecht catchment areas, spent their 67 minutes at Mr Khuzwayo's house, wishing him

more joyous years. A team from the service office of the Department of Public Works in KwaZulu-Natal, supported by the Endumeni Operation Sukuma Sakhe stakeholders and community volunteers, painted Mr Khuzwayo's house, which he shares with his wife.

The Mayor of Endumeni, Cllr Sboniso Mbatha, who officiated his 67 minutes, thanked everyone involved in inspiring the great legacy of Madiba. He further congratulated Mr Khuzwayo for reaching a milestone of 115 years, becoming the oldest citizen in the country. According to Mr Tiisetso Ramotse, the GCIS Director for Training and Development, who was part of the delegation, Madiba was the champion of human rights,



dignity and liberation. "Imagine the impact we could have as the society if everyone could follow his example by making a meaningful impact to others," added Mr Ramotse.

On the other hand, the service office of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) in Dundee used the day to swap the social-grant card for Mr Khuzwayo and his wife to a new SASSA gold card. SASSA also swapped the cards of

other 19 invited social-grant beneficiaries at Mr Khuzwayo's residence.

Local Nduna, Mr Mgwavumeleni Zondo, thanked the government and donated R1 000 to Mr Khuzwayo, and congratulated him for living so many years and being the best model for peace in the deep rural area of Vumbuka.



The Department of Health team handing gifts, including assistive devices, to Mr Khuzwayo.



Mr Tiisetso Ramotse, GCIS: Director Training and Development, addressing community members during the gathering at Mr Khuzwayo's residence.

Mr Misiso Khuzwayo and Mrs Siqanga Magaret – Vumbuka area



"I am God gifted to be reaching 115 years. I want to appreciate everyone who visited us as the family."

"I am blessed to have a caring man like Mr Khuzwayo. We are deeply touched to see all government departments fully supporting our life during the legacy of Madiba."



Mrs Dorothi Zulu – Vumbuka area

"I am delighted to be moved from the old SASSA card to the yellow one. I am now happy that my pension will be secured. I was told this card does not accept illegal deductions."

Minister Mkhize delivers a Mandela Day "present" to rural school

By Legadima Leso

Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated worldwide to encourage people to donate their time and resources for goodwill, as an acknowledgement of former President Nelson Mandela's legacy and contribution to humanity.

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister Zweli Mkhize celebrated the Mandela Day with learners and teachers of Obed Mlaba Technical School at Inchanga near Durban in KwaZulu-Natal. He donated a mathematics and science laboratory kit, committed to building four brick classrooms in partnership with the Ikusasa leAfrika Foundation, to promote education in the rural community.

The school, which was an initiative started by the community when their children were previously forced to travel about 30 kilometres to attend secondary schools in nearby areas, currently uses prefabricated walls.

Minister Mkhize also officially handed over a brick-walled building that comprises a teachers' staff room, toilet and kitchen, which was donated by the local Hillcrest Rotary Club. The Minister said: "Technical skills which require mathematics and science are a key to growing our economy; now this area can produce many Mandelas".

He said the new developments in the school would



encourage children in the rural community to finish their secondary education and follow in the footsteps of Madiba, and also to take up science and mathematics as subjects in school.

Following the donations, support and commitments, Obed Mlaba Technical School will in the coming years boast 12 classrooms with brick walls, starting with the construction of four classrooms in the beginning of August 2018, as announced by the Minister.



Deputy Minister Nel celebrates Mandela Day in New York

By Legadima Leso

The Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Andries Nel, celebrated the Nelson Mandela Day in New York, USA.

Deputy Minister Nel was in the USA to participate at the 2018 High Level Political Forum #HLPF ministerial meeting in New York convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

He delivered a speech at an event marking the centenary of the birth of the global icon and also joined volunteers working at the Harlem Grown vegetable garden serving homeless shelters in the neighbourhood.

Deputy Minister Nel emphasised the importance of kindness and the need for society to transcend differences and come together as one common humanity.

“Former President Nelson Mandela was a Struggle leader, a President and a global icon. But he believed that every single



person in the world had a right and responsibility to change the world around him,” said Deputy Minister Nel.

Nelson Mandela Centenary Celebration at Freedom Park

By Blessing Manale

The Department of Tourism joined the global celebration of the life of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, marking the centenary of his birth on 18 July 2018. As part of the celebrations, the department hosted a two-day event from 17-18 July at Freedom Park and also visited an orphanage in Sunnyside, Pretoria.

The first day of the event kick-started with the screening of the 16th Annual Nelson Mandela Lecture at Freedom Park. The lecture was delivered by former United States President Barack Obama in Johannesburg, which was live on SABC. This was followed by a 45-minutes interactive session with

departmental staff who reflected on the key messages emanating from the lecture.

As the event unfolded on the second day, the mood changed to that of celebration. Blessing Manale, Chief Director: Communication, officiated the Nelson Mandela International Youth Day and a Cook Up. The youth were taken on an educational tour around Freedom Park, and enlightened about the life and times of Madiba.

The celebration continued with a Cook Up, where graduates from the department's National Youth Chefs Training Programme, under the guidance of Madiba's former



A group photo with Ms Ndoyiya – former chef of former President Mandela.



The Cuban representative giving a message of support on behalf of the Cuban Ambassador.



"The proof of the pudding is in the eating...." Hilton Hotel's representatives, Peter Thomas, Cluster Director: Southern Africa and Stuart Cason, Executive Chef, were impressed by the African Cuisine Signature dish known as "Tripe Pie".

chef, Ms Xoliswa Ndoyiya, profiled and cooked 100 dishes in celebration of Madiba's 100 years. The activation culminated with the announcement of Madiba's signature dish called "Tripe Pie" that will be adopted by various hotels for the remainder of the centenary year.

The department also contributed its 67 minutes to an orphanage in Sunnyside. Staff handed over contributions such as sanitary towels, non-perishable goods and educational toys. They also helped with the cleaning, painting, cooking and made a vegetable garden for the orphanage.



Communications Minister leads a Mandela Day Outreach

By Mlungisi Dlamini: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Minister of Communications, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane and the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Willies Mchunu, visited the Ekunjabuleni Children's Home during the SABC Foundation's Mandela Day Outreach on 18 July 2018.

This home houses about 45 vulnerable children who have been affected by incidents of abuse. In the spirit of giving back to the community, various organisations, including government and the private sector, donated goodies to help improve the children's well-being and infrastructure of the home.

Premier Mchunu and the team also cultivated the vegetable garden, painted the home and entertained the children. The visit to the home was preceded by a visit to the Manaye Hall, which is the place where former President Nelson Mandela made his last public speech as a free man at the All Africa Conference before his arrest.

The MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube, announced plans to upgrade the Manaye Hall. She also indicated that funds had



already been transferred to the Msunduzi Local Municipality for this purpose.

Premier Mchunu also used this platform to call for peace in the province and condemned recent incidents of the killing of political leaders and burning of trucks along the N3 route.

He said these incidents undermined what Mandela stood for and had a potential to drive investors away. He commended Mandela for being an architect of South Africa's Constitution and democracy that we all enjoy today.



Lives changed in commemoration of Mandela Day

By Mkhuseleli Buthelezi

The uMlalazi Municipality in Eshowe, KwaZulu-Natal commemorated the birthday of Struggle stalwart, Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, by building a house for Gogo Nxumalo in Ward 25.

The purchase of building material and construction of the house were the initiative of municipal employees, led by the Municipal Manager, Mr Raymond Mnguni.

The Mayor of uMlalazi, Cllr Thelumoya Zulu and the Chief Whip, Cllr Zandile Jaffe, played a huge role in assisting the employees to secure Gogo's dream of having a decent house. The mayor further took the opportunity to address the employees about the significance of Mandela Day and also acknowledged their dedication in changing the life of Gogo Nxumalo.

Moreover, Cllr Zulu celebrated this day with Gogo Bunu Ndunakazi, who was also born on this day and had just turned 100 years old. Gogo Ndunakazi accepted gifts and groceries from the mayor. Two families from Ward 27 and Ward 26 were additional beneficiaries who also received gifts from the Chief Whip.





Deputy Minister Makwetla devotes 67 minutes to Kameeldrift Early Learning Centre

By Neliswa Mzimba

The 18 July 2018 marked what would have been the 100th birthday of former President and global icon, Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Thabang Makwetla and youth offenders at Emthonjeni youth correctional facility devoted their 67 minutes for Madiba by brightening up the lives of learners at Kameeldrift Early Learning Centre in Tshwane.

Symbolically, Mr Makwetla began his day at Emthonjeni to invoke the spirit of Madiba by laying a wreath at the youth centre that Madiba opened in August 1998. The centre is situated within the Baviaanspoort Management Area, a few kilometres away from Mamelodi.

The Area Commissioner Jerry Somaru welcomed the Deputy Minister and proposed a name change for the management area. He explained that the name was derived from a Dutch term, which means “baboon”. “We need to start working towards a name change that is positive, and in line with the direction that the country is taking,” he said. Mr Makwetla said the name change was a serious matter that should be prioritised.

The Deputy Minister officially opened the first tap that gave the Kameeldrift Early Learning Centre access to water. The school previously had no water and is still without electricity. He worked alongside youth offenders, painting the walls of the pre-school.

Plot 175 in Kameeldrift, where the school is situated, is an

informal settlement with extreme poverty. The early learning centre which currently has 45 learners, was opened in 2004 to enhance education in the disadvantaged community.

However, only 30 parents can afford the minimal fees required by the school.

“It is important for us to be here and be relevant to the community’s needs on this important day. The spirit with which he [Mandela] opened the Emthonjeni Youth Centre is what must actually be revived in this community, to say that whatever opportunity we get in our lives, we must strive to make other people’s lives better. We must never lose that opportunity,” said Deputy Minister Makwetla.

The Baviaanspoort Management Area and Emthonjeni Youth Centre will continue to assist the school with cleaning, plumbing and repairs. Officials paid for the 80-metre water pipe to supply the school with water. About R30 000 is still needed for cabling to connect electricity to the school. The play area has been upgraded and security fencing will also be enhanced.

Local stakeholders contributed by donating money, toys, books and fabric to the school. The youth offenders also helped with sewing duvets and pillows while medium-centre offenders knitted 45 hats and scarfs for the children.



Mandela Month in Pictures



@PranayDevchand: "#MandelaDay Celebrations at Mafumbukwa Primary School with #TN Tshwane North District".



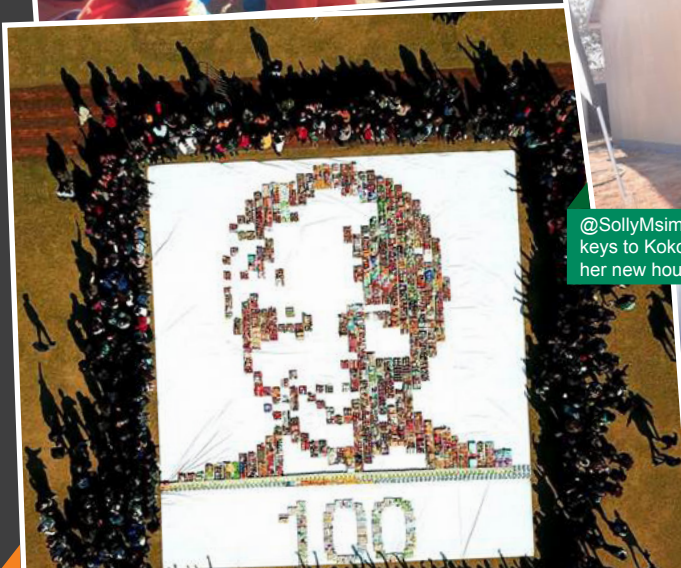
@ICC: "Remembering the great Nelson Mandela on the day of his birth, 100 years ago today".



@PhaksPhothinja: "My former high school, LEAP Science and Maths School (@LEAPAfrica), used 29 000 cans of food to build a portrait of Mandela in the Food Court of Canal Walk. A teamwork celebration of this great man #MandelaDay. Food to be donated to charity".



@SollyMsimanga: "Today we officially handed over the keys to Koko Anna Mmanana Matjila, she can now occupy her new house".



@WitsUniversity: "Working together for a common purpose requires a high level of humility and self-awareness. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution by giving their time and effort to create this image of donated goods. We did it Witsies".



UPCOMING EVENTS

The South African Government will be celebrating Women's Month in August Month and will be dedicated to Mama Albertina Sisulu, as part of her centenary year celebration programme.

Here are some of the activities to look out for in August:

3-23 August: The Charlotte Manna Maxeke Institute will launch a series of Intergenerational Women Dialogues under the theme: "Bring her Up". The dialogues will run throughout the month focusing on different topics like "FeesMustFall".



9 August: National Women's Day, which will take place in Paarl, Western Cape under the theme: "100 years of Albertina Sisulu, A women of fortitude: Women united in moving South Africa forward".



25 August: The Minister of Communications, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, will lead a Women's Walk to raise awareness on gender-based violence (GBV) and the need for proper victims' support programmes. The walk, which will be followed by a dialogue against GBV, will take place in Limpopo.

26 August: Albertina Sisulu Beach Run in Ushaka Marine Beach.



August: The Sisulu Family will launch the OomaSisulu Play, which will provide an intimate insight about Albertina Sisulu's feisty leadership and her political activism.

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