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On 10 February 2011, President Jacob Zuma addressed the nation in his capacity as Head of State. His address took stock of South Africa's domestic and foreign issues and united the nation around a common understanding of the direction in which the country should be moving. The State of the Nation Address also marked the Opening of Parliament, a glamorous affair that commanded the attention of the nation and media alike.



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1. President Jacob Zuma, Speaker of Parliament, Max Sisulu, first lady, Mrs Sizakele Zuma, and Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Mninwa Mahlangu
2. Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe flanked by Deputy Speaker Nomaindiya Mfeketo and Deputy Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Thandi Memela
3. The premiers take centre stage, led by Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet



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4. ANC Member of Parliament, Gloria Borman and her husband John
5. Musicians Arthur Mafokate and Chomee
6. Former Western Cape MEC for Community Safety Lennit Max
7. Minister Blade and Phumelele Nzimande
8. ANC Chairperson, Baleka Mbete



The annual Presidential Address Golf Challenge was this year held at the De Zalze Golf Estate outside Stellenbosch. The event, which included a dinner, raised funds for the Jacob Zuma Educational Trust. It is the President's hope that these funds will contribute towards realising government's bigger goals of real and sustainable empowerment through education and youth empowerment.



The first SADC-China Trade Fair and Investment Forum 2011

IMEXPO is the first South African Development Community (SADC)/China Trade Fair and Investment Forum. The event, which is supported by the Department of Trade and Industry and the SADC Secretariat, confirmed that 13 of the 15 SADC countries will take part in the trade fair, which will see a delegation of over 60 companies from China.

It will take place at the MTN Expo Centre, Nasrec, Johannesburg, from 18 – 20 May 2011. Its aim is to showcase new markets and projects and to promote inter-Africa trade within the SADC region. Traders from SADC and China will be able to form and build relationships. The Chinese delegation will represent some of the top companies in China and close to a third of these represent the mining sector, a key sector for the show. Other vital fields such as engineering, machinery, construction, electricity, water and finances will also be represented.

Local government elections date announced

South Africans will go to the polls on 18 May 2011 to vote for new municipal councillors in the local government elections. The elections take place every five years – just like the national and provincial elections, which were last held in April 2009. Love your South Africa – go and vote!



The largest tourism event in Africa goes to Durban

The Tourism Indaba is a four-day trade event that attracts well over 13 000 delegates from the travel tourism and related industries. It showcases the widest variety of southern Africa's best tourism products, and attracts international visitors and media from across the world. The Association of World Travel Awards awarded the Indaba the award for Africa's best travel and tourism show for two years in a row.

The event is a key component of government and South African Tourism's strategy to further develop the tourism industry as a key driver of economic growth and job creation in Africa.

BRICS Summit

The third Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa Leaders Summit will take place from 14 to 15 April 2011 in Beijing, China, during which President Jacob Zuma will for the first time meet with the bloc's leaders. The summit will discuss, among other things, several business opportunities, economic complementarities and areas of co-operation. Various issues, including proposals to set a five-year trade target of between US\$400 and 500 billion by 2015; research on economic trade cooperation among all five countries; and the exploration of a closer economic and trade partnership agreement will also be tabled.

The flow of trade and investment in the BRICS countries is undergoing



an intense process of transformation.

BRICS ultimately is a platform to represent the voices of the emerging markets and South Africa is committed to intensify relations with countries of the South and up-and-coming powers through active and strong bilateral engagement. South Africa stands to benefit tremendously from the concrete projects of BRICS in areas such as agriculture, science, statistics, development finance institutions, security and justice.



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Real gross domestic product

Real gross domestic product (GDP) growth accelerated during the final quarter of 2010 to a seasonally adjusted and annualised 4,4% on a quarter-on-quarter basis. This exceeded the forecast of 4,2%.

For 2010 as a whole, GDP increased by 2,8%, following a decrease of 1,7% in 2009.

Source: *GDP, Fourth Quarter 2010, Statistics South Africa.*

Top managers

The percentage of top managers who are black increased from 12,7% in 2000 to 32,2% in 2009, and senior black managers from 18,5% in 2000 to 35,5% in 2009.

The percentage of top female managers had a slow increase of 12,4% in 2000 to 18% in 2009 and senior female managers from 21% in 2000 to 26,7% in 2009.

The average monthly income for LSM 10 stood at R13 416 per month in 2000/01, increasing to R26 602 in 2008/09.

Source: *Development Indicators, 2010*

Tourism sector

The tourism sector is continuing to grow. Direct and indirect tourism's contribution to the country's 2009 gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 2,7% to R198,4 billion compared to 2008. This represents 7,4% of GDP.

Figures for 2010 reflect continued growth as well. Tourist arrivals for 2010 topped the eight million mark.

South Africa has already secured 95 significant meetings and

conferences between 2010 and 2016. In addition to this, we have already put in bids for additional 45 conferences for 2011 to 2020.

Source: *Tourism and Migration, December 2010, Statistics South Africa and International Cooperation, Trade and Security Cluster Briefing, 22 February 2011.*

Employment

Employment increased by 1,2% or 157 000 jobs in the fourth quarter of 2010, resulting in a total of

13,1 million employed South Africans. In the same period, the number of South Africans who were unemployed between the third and fourth quarter of 2010 declined by 259 000 people or 5,9%, resulting in a drop in the unemployment rate of 1,3 percentage points to 24%. Even with the drop in the levels of unemployment, the total number of unemployed people remained high at 4,1 million people and 68% of those who were unemployed were in long-term unemployment as they were unemployed for one year or longer.

Source: *Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Fourth Quarter (October to December) 2010, Statistics South Africa.*

Population by province 2010		
Province	Population	% of total
Eastern Cape	6 743 800	13,5
Free State	2 824 500	5,7
Gauteng	11 191 700	22,4
KwaZulu-Natal	10 645 400	21,3
Limpopo	5 439 600	10,9
Mpumalanga	3 617 600	7,2
Northern Cape	1 103 900	2,2
North West	3 200 900	6,4
Western Cape	5 223 900	10,4
TOTAL	49 991 300	100

Source: *Development Indicators, 2010*