

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

2019 STATE OF THE NATION INPUTS



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Chapter 6: An integrated and inclusive rural economy

- Grow the economy and increase jobs by **expanding irrigated agriculture**
 - Water use efficiency
 - New irrigation schemes
- Pick and support those industries and regions with the **highest potential**
 - Focus on value chains and hence **agri processing**
 - Job creation
 - Growing the rural economy
- **Land Reform is a key**
 - Develop strategies that give new entrants access to value chains
 - Find creative combinations between opportunities, e.g.
 - Support successful communal farmers – security of tenure
 - Collaboration between commercial and land reform beneficiaries



POLICY IMPERATIVES INFORMING INVESTMENT

- Create 1 million new jobs (National Development Plan)
- Put 1 million hectares of unutilised land under production by 2019 (Fetsa Tlala)
- Support 300 000 smallholder producers by 2019 (NGP)
- Expand 1.5 million hectares under irrigation by 500 000 (National Development Plan)
- Ensuring food security for all – **Act 108 of 1996**
- Ensure sustainable use of natural resources
- Grow agricultural contribution to the GDP - driven by the **Revitalization of Agriculture and Agro-processing Value Chains** (RAAVC – Part of 9 Point Plan)
- **Agriculture Policy Action Plan** (focus on key commodities per Province and Jobs)
- **Project Khulisa** (Agri processing, Halaal and niche products)



PROGRESS ON COMMITMENTS MADE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

- Gross farming income made from all agricultural products increased by 2,1% and was estimated at R273 544 million for the year ended 30 June 2018.
- **The Quarterly Labour Force Survey by Statistics South Africa** showed a percentage point annual increase in agricultural employment in the 2nd quarter of this year to 843 000 jobs c
- **Agricultural exports** continue to play an important role with the value of exports having increased by 7,3%, from R97 429 million in 2016/17 to R104 577 million in 2017/18 as compared to the estimated value of imports for 2017/18 which came to R75 412 million, a decrease of 5,2% from R79 515 million in 2016/17 compared to 835 000 jobs for the same period in 2017.
- **Investment** in agriculture showed an increase of 15,5% and was estimated at R13,5 billion for the period January 2018 to September 2018.
- Since the launch of the Oceans Economy Operation Phakisa programme in 2014, various milestones were achieved in order to develop the sector:
 - registered thirty five (35) Phakisa projects and identified eight (8) Aquaculture Development Zones (ADZ) throughout the country.



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- These Zones will be dedicated for aquaculture development to create an enabling environment and to facilitate investment. In 2018, more than 4000 tons were farmed by the 35 projects and the total employment was 1943 jobs.

Marine Living Resources Fund

- Government commenced with a small-scale fisheries program whose aim is to establish a new small-scale fishery throughout the coastal communities of South Africa.
- This initiative has seen over 10 000 individual traditional fishers being recognised as small-scale fishers for the first time in South Africa's history.
- This, in essence, means that over 200 communities in the four coastal provinces will access marine resources legally for the purpose of participating in the ocean's economy and for food security.
- Government has allocated the first 15-year fishing rights to Port Nolloth and Honderklipbaai in the Northern Cape Province where a total of 103 individually recognised small-scale fishers have been assisted to register two co-operatives for the purpose of receiving economically sustainable 15-year fishing rights.



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- Outcome 10 targets, the department annually rehabilitates 300 hectares of state forestland and 7893 agricultural land.
- DAFF has adopted the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan (CCAMP) to address specific strategies on enhancing resilience of the food and agricultural production systems (adaptation), reducing Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emissions and ensuring food security.
- In terms of Forestry development and beneficiation to communities living in and around forests, about 4000 hectares of plantation forestry land was transferred to the Mkhwanazi community in the Uthungulu District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal through the land restitution programme.
- The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hosted a successful Summit with Stakeholders on Farm Killings, Murders and Stock Theft on 14 to 15 June 2018, as the follow up to the Round Table discussion that was held on the 14 June 2016, with the purpose of ensuring that sector stakeholders developed strategies and mechanisms in order to deal with all forms of violence against farming and rural communities.



KEY PLANS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

- The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is compiling National Agriculture Investment Plan. This will constitute South Africa's commitment to the African Union's Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).
- This will enable budgetary planning and targets setting with estimated resource requirements for the agricultural sector for the next MTEF period.
- The National Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sector Investment Plan aims to:
 - (i) achieve equity in the sector;
 - (ii) increase sector contribution to the economy;
 - (iii) increase profitable production of food, fibre and timber products by all categories of producers and
 - (iv) sustain management of natural resources. In line with our endeavour to increase our agricultural trade with our BRICS partners, we will be re-capacitating our foreign agricultural offices in all BRICS countries.
- The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is finalising the development of the National Policy on Comprehensive Producer Development Support (NPCPDS) to guide the provision of support interventions in the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sector. The policy was gazetted in August 2018 for public comments.



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- DAFF adopted the results-driven Operation Phakisa to implement its programmes to highlight the urgency of delivery.
- Operation Phakisa involves setting clear plans and targets and on-going monitoring of progress.
- The primary aim of the approach is to ensure the formulation of required interventions towards greater economic inclusion in Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

• DAFF will continue to focus on the following commodities:

- Poultry and Red Meat; Grains (Soya Bean, and Maize); Fruit, Wine and Vegetables; Forestry; Fisheries; Transforming Agriculture's labour market; Producer support and development and Sustainable Land Reform contributing to agrarian transformation and improved land administration and spatial planning.

- In terms of aquaculture, the focus for 2019 is prioritisation of initiatives such as the finalisation of the Aquaculture Development Bill which is currently under consideration by the National Assembly. Implementation of the recently approved Saldanha Bay Aquaculture Development Zone Environmental Impact Assessment is projected to create around 2500 job opportunities and the potential production could increase by 15 000 tons of various fish products, through a phased approach.



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- In terms of FRAP, the Government is in the process of finalising the allocation of 15-year fishing rights to 75 registered co-operatives comprised of 5335 small-scale fishers in the Eastern Cape; 45 registered co-operatives comprised of 2184 small-scale fishers in KwaZulu-Natal and co-operatives which will comprise of over 2500 small-scale fishers in the Western Cape.
- Through this programme, over 10 000 fishers and their families are being empowered and will be in a position to sustain their livelihoods.



ENVISAGED POLICY INTERVENTIONS OR CHANGES

- DAFF will develop a Producer Support Bill once the policy is approved to ensure enforcement of the policy contents.
- The tabling of Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Framework Act (PDALFA) to Cabinet will be done during 2019. This act will provide for the institutionalisation of the Regulatory Framework for land use which guide and support development initiatives.
- The following bills are undergoing parliamentary processes of approval:
 - Liquor Products Amendment Bill,
 - National Forest Amendment Bill; and
 - Aquaculture Development Bill.
- DAFF is on its way to ensure the achievement of Government's objectives such as food security and job creation for all Communities in South Africa, thus contributing to economic development in South Africa.



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