

SPEAKING NOTES

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Reports to usher in KZN Renaissance

- Last year KZN Premier Senzo Mchunu commissioned a Study Group to investigate threats to social cohesion. A Reference Group on Migration and Community Integration was also commissioned to investigate causes of xenophobic attacks. It was led by Judge Navi Pillay, former United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights.
- The two reports have been tabled before the provincial executive council and today at 08h00, the premier is expected to unveil an implementation plan which is based on recommendations of the two reports.
- Early this morning the Premier indicated that the two reports will usher in KZN Renaissance.
- He has committed the Provincial Government to ensure the implementation of the Reports as a matter of urgency.
- Unemployment, poverty and inequalities - competition for scarce resources and opportunities has been cited as some of the causes of xenophobic attacks
- Competition between local people and national communities in the informal business sector is among the divisive and immediate causes of the violent attacks.
- He has emphasized that they will be an integrated approach during the implementation of the recommendation involving all government departments such as the following:-
 - a. Office of the Premier (co-ordination)
 - b. Community Safety and Liaison
 - c. Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
 - d. Provincial Treasury
 - e. Department of Arts and Culture
 - f. Department of Education etc
 - g. Municipalities such as eThekweni

- The provincial Government will be embarking on the KZN Renaissance Programme focusing on building and sustaining solidarity amongst African brothers and sisters.
- It is quite fitting that we release the two reports during Freedom Month. Any discussion about South Africa's freedom is incomplete if it does not reflect on the contribution of African giants such as Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Muwalimu Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Agostino Neto of Angola, Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria, Abdel Nasser of Egypt and many others to many to mention."
- During this important month we want to express our gratitude to African brothers and sisters. We pay tribute to your governments and ordinary people who stood in solidarity with us as we waged a struggle for justice and equality."
- KZN Government will promote African economic integrating for the benefit of ordinary members of society in respective countries
- KZN Government will focus on exchange programmes to ensure skills transfer.
- We will encourage exchange programmes involving academic institutions to promote African excellence
- There will be regular meetings with Diplomatic Corps in order to promote solidarity and to strengthen political and economic relations.
- KZN Premier has committed the Provincial Government to working with Governments in Africa to champion the programme of solid service delivery.
- He remarked: "We all know that African governments have an important task of ensuring improvement of services to the people, provision of water, sanitation, roads, electrification, and other infrastructure which will be part of growing the African economy to enable the creation of jobs and eradicate poverty."