



The Economic Development Department held a number of Policy Platforms in association with different partners to strengthen its social dialogue efforts.

The Ministry in association with the *Cape Times* and the *SA New Economics Network* hosted a series of Policy Platforms entitled **The Next Economy National Dialogue**

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Policy Platform no 1: Where to from here?

South Africa is faced with enormous economic challenges that present themselves against a backdrop of international global difficulties. Across the world, governments and citizens are searching for sustainable economic strategies and are discussing the shape of 'the next economy' that will emerge from these turbulent events. At the first in the series, a space was opened up for much needed conversation on South Africa's next economy.

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The Policy Platform was hosted by Minister Patel and speakers included the General Secretary of COSATU, Zwelinzima Vavi, the Chairman of Business Leadership South Africa, and Bobby Godsell responded to the minister's presentation.

This Policy Platform was held on *23 March, 2010* at the Imbizo Centre at Parliament.

Media Downloads

Policy Platform 1

- [Cape Times Advert \(23.03.2010\)](#)
- [Patel denies cabinet turf rifts over economic policies \(Cape Times 24.03.2010\)](#)
- [The moment dictates that we find a new way \(Cape Times 24.03.2010\)](#)
- [Crumbling orthodoxy invites new thinking \(Cape Times 25.03.2010\)](#)
- [Long way to go before we taste fruits of freedom \(Cape Times 01.04.2010\)](#)
- [If we don't create a shared vision and act on it we will face again the ring of fire \(Cape Times 01.04.2010\)](#)

Policy Platform No 2: The Next economy: Lessons of the World Cup

After a month of Soccer World Cup fever, South Africa is finally able to take stock of the effects had on the economy if any. Was it just a passing sporting and economic spectacle or has it opened up opportunities which could give this country an edge as it navigates through the international global crisis? What were the positive and negative lessons relevant to the economy which we have learned and could these indeed help shape the new national Growth Path thinking in Government?

How will South Africa build on the lessons learned from this intensive project?

Key speakers were Dr Danny Jordaan, CEO of the 2010 FIFA World Cup Organising Committee. Dr Goolam Ballim, Group Chief Economist of the Standard Bank of South Africa, and Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Board Member for the 2010 Organising Committee responded to the CEO's presentation.

This platform was held on *15 July, 2010* at the Imbizo Centre at Parliament.

Media Downloads

Policy Platform 2

- [\[rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="20" direct_download="true"\]Cape Times Advert \(19.07.2010\)\[/rokdownload\]](#)
- [\[rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="19" direct_download="true"\]A 16-year journey to success \(Cape Times 23.07.2010\)\[/rokdownload\]](#)
- [\[rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="22" direct_download="true"\]The catalyst South Africa needed \(Cape Times 27.07.2010\)\[/rokdownload\]](#)
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the transforming power of happiness (Cape Times 27.07.2010)[/rokdownload]

- [rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="22" direct_download="true"]We can't repeat the mistakes of our young democracy (Cape Times 27.07.2010)[/rokdownload]

Policy Platform No 3: Food Security: how can we produce enough affordable food leaving no-one hungry in our country?

Twenty percent of South African households have inadequate to severely inadequate access to food. According to the General Household Survey of 2009, this translates into 2 762 400 households. Any dialogue about sustainable economic strategies and the shape of the "next economy" will have to consider how to address this problem. How do we ensure healthy food sufficiency at affordable prices for all in our country? Is it feasible in the next economy to restructure production and distribution so that no-one goes hungry? How?

Key speakers were Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Dr Anwah Nagia, Executive Chairman of Element Investment Managers and Altius Investment Holdings and Mr Artwell Nazo, President of the Food and Allied Workers Union.

his platform was held on *18 November, 2010* at the Imbizo Centre at Parliament.

Media Downloads

Policy Platform 3

- [rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="23" direct_download="true"]Cape Times Advert (18.11.2010)[/rokdownload]

- [rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="36" direct_download="true"]Government must roll up its sleeves and ensure household food security (Cape Times 30.11.2010)[/rokdownload]

- [rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="36" direct_download="true"]We will go hungry unless we plan (Cape Times 30.11.2010)[/rokdownload]

- [rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="37" direct_download="true"]There should be no hunger or malnutrition in a land with a food surplus (Cape Times 1.12.2010)[/rokdownload]

- [rokdownload menuitem="249" downloaditem="37" direct_download="true"]Food security in our own backyard (Cape Times 1.12.2010)[/rokdownload]

Policy Platform No 4 The challenges of climate change, the economic development opportunities for South Africa and the region and the need for national and international action.

Key speakers were Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Mr Nicholas Dawes, editor-in-chief, the Mail and

Guardian, Mr Frans Baleni, General Secretary National Union of Mineworkers and Mrs Futhi Mtoba, President of Business Unity South Africa.

This platform was held on *Monday, 17 January, 2011* at the Reserve Bank Conference, Pretoria.

Media Downloads

Policy Platform 4

- The Mail & Guardian article as well as the video of the entire lecture at the following links:

[Mail & Guardian Online](#)

The Ministry in association with the Mail & Guardian hosted world-renowned economist, [Professor Joseph Stiglitz](#)

Picture gallery of World Cup policy platform (Platform no. 2)

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