



## **GAUTENG PROVINCE**

SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION  
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### **SPEECH**

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Honourable Speaker;

Honourable Premier;

Honourable Members of the Executive Council; and

Honourable Members

I rise to table Budget Vote Number 12 which is a total of R821 059 000. Our programmes remain characterised by Radical Economic and Accelerated Social Transformation as part of the ten-pillar programme which is aimed at radically Transforming, Modernising and Re-industrialising Gauteng over the next five to 15 years.

We table this Budget being cognisant of the fact that on the 09<sup>th</sup> of August this year, we will be commemorating 60 years of the Women's March on the Union Building.

Next month on the 16<sup>th</sup> we will be commemorating 40 years of the June 16 Uprisings. These dates are seminal, in that they changed the course of the history our country.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1956, women from all corners of our country led by Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn, Motlalepula Chabaku, Bertha Gxowa and Albertina Sisulu shook the foundations of the Apartheid regime.

On that day, women of South Africa acted to prove that they were not politically inept and politically immature. They disavowed the notion that their dream for freedom and liberation could only be articulated by men! As expected the , the Afrikaans press tried to portray the seminal March as having been led by whites and by implication – inspired and led by communists.

That March proved that the women of South Africa had come of age as their own liberators. We owe the gains and victories that women have scored as evident in the disavowal of sexism in our constitution to that seminal March.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1976, students of Soweto sneezed, and the whole country caught a cold! The apartheid regime with its army of informers planted in all democratic formations was caught off guard.

The June 16 Uprisings changed the political terrain of South Africa forever. Even in his autobiography; Long Walk To Freedom, President Nelson Mandela, quipped that he thought his generation was the most radical ever to be incarcerated on Robben Island.

However, the arrival of the 1976 generation on Robben Island changed the whole imprisonment narrative as those youngsters were justifiably impatient for freedom. Indeed the June 16, 1976, whetted the appetite freedom among all the oppressed people of South Africa.

Honourable Speaker;

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1996, President Nelson Mandela signed the Constitution of the Republic into law, in Sharpville. The choice of Sharpville was no coincidence.

The government was sending a message that the Constitution is an embodiment of everything generations of freedom loving South Africans fought for. Therefore, as mid-wives of this much celebrated Constitution, we remain committed to uphold and protect it, irrespective of what latter day revolutionaries and latter day democrats say!

It is also important to note that we table this Budget when the whole continent is observing Africa month. In fact yesterday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, we celebrated Africa Month. We therefore have no qualms in declaring that we regard ourselves as Africans and we do not apologize for that.

In response to our mandate to promote Nation Building and Social Cohesion, we remain committed to fighting racism, sexism, tribalism and xenophobia.

We say this against the background of the demon of racism which is rearing its ugly head from time to time. We therefore declare as the Honourable Premier did during this year's Freedom Day commemoration that: *"There is no place for racism in a free and democratic South Africa"*.

All of our programmes contribute to engendering Nation Building and Social Cohesion. As the people of Gauteng we pride ourselves in that we have always been pioneers. We will therefore rise to the occasion and defeat the demon of racism.

We will soon table to the Executive Council for approval, a comprehensive Gauteng City Region Social Cohesion Strategy and Implementation Plan which encompasses programmes which contribute to this end.

All Gauteng Provincial Government Departments and Municipalities through SALGA-Gauteng have appointed Social Cohesion Champions who will drive this programme.

Allow me Honourable Speaker, to state that this noble work will be a collaborative effort with civil society organizations, relevant Chapter 10 Institutions, communities and the private sector. We have already held dialogues among communities on various topical issues in order to engender Nation Building where people live.

It is our belief that Nation Building and Social Cohesion must be anchored on radical transformation of socio-economic conditions under which our people live. We will therefore not fall into a trap of confining Social Cohesion programmes into mere academic debates.

As long as the structure of our economy and socio-political relations do not address poverty, economic exclusion, overt and subliminal racism, we cannot speak of South Africa as a nation. These challenges we will address head on!

Honourable Speaker,

Our work as a Department is among communities, where people live.

It is for this reason that our slogan is: # *SIYABANGENA!!!* This has

also influenced our Service Delivery Model which is in line with the concept of Gauteng as a City Region.

We are strengthening the five Corridors and 27 hubs from where our services are being delivered in an integrated manner.

### ***Cultural Affairs***

The Gauteng Provincial Government identified Heritage as a Game Changer during this term of office. It is our belief that our Heritage defines us as a nation. Hence we will continue to research, grade and declare 25 Liberation Heritage sites.

In this financial year we will honour Reverend George Wauchope, Mme Francis Baard, and Sibongile Mkhabela as our Liberation Heroes and Heroines. We will link honouring of Liberation of Heroes and Heroines with availing their history in local libraries where they lived.

We have assisted all Metropolitan, District and Local Councils in Gauteng, to establish Geographical Naming Councils in line with the requirements of the South African Geographical Names Council. We will continue to support these Local Geographical Names Councils and ensure that provincial and local geographical names reflect our history.

We aim to minimize acrimonious and sometimes costly processes while not compromising on doing away with names which are remnants of colonialism and apartheid.

We will continue to ensure improved access, increased participation in and transformation of the sports, arts, and culture and recreation sectors in a manner that yields optimum social and economic benefit for all in the province.

In this regard, working with the Gauteng Department of Education, 105 schools will implement Carnival Arts and Culture programmes. 35 Schools will implement Dance, Theatre, and Music programmes.



The Arts programme in Correctional Centres which contributes to rehabilitation of prisoners, has been allocated R750, 000, 00. Working with the Department of Correctional Services, we will be take the winning groups from last year's Correctional centers Arts program to this year's National Grahams town Arts Festival.

We have allocated R4 million to the MPP Arts programme to ensure that the *Ishashalazi* theatre, poetry, dance, choral and gospel programmes are implemented at community level.

Gauteng will host the World Choir Competition in 2018. In order to prepare our choirs, we will invest in development of choir conductors, to ensure that our province and country are represented with pride.

During the Women's Month in August, we will launch the *Basetsana* scriptwriting programme, which assist in identifying and nurture talent among women script writers.

This year's Gauteng Carnival which is our signature event, will be held on 24 September 2016 (Heritage Day), in Tshwane. We will use this

occasion to engender Social Cohesion and ensure participation of diverse nationalities who reside in our province.

Even though our province is the smallest in terms of land mass, it is the most cosmopolitan in the world, hence it cannot be narrowed down to a single culture, custom or language. As a home of opportunities not only for South Africa, but also for the entire continent, Gauteng strives on diversity.

One of our main contractors, Ms Nina Sedumedi, (who is seated in the VIP Gallery) now produces costumes which are worn by learners during the Carnival, is now exporting clothing and costumes to overseas countries.

The Craft Hubs that we support, contribute to Radical Economic Transformation. We will improve craft producers' access to resources including raw materials, production space, equipment, ICTs, appropriate financing mechanisms, effective and efficient transport and logistics and marketing materials.

Therefore, 5 Craft hubs will implement training programmes and product development.

In order to promote our music, we have disaggregated arts and culture events that we support into Community, Local and Signature events. Hence 10 live *Puisano* music events which are held in townships will be supported.

I am thrilled by the idea of our Public Broadcaster, SABC to play 90% local music across its 18 radio stations. This shows that the SABC is going beyond its requirements on promoting local artists and local music. We want to thank the support and efforts made by the public broadcaster towards transforming and modernising music in our country.

### ***Gauteng Film Commission***

Creative Industries contribute to the economy of our province. A sizeable portion of international and internal tourists are attracted to our province by our vibrant creative industry.

The Film and TV industry continues to contribute to Radical Economic and Social Transformation through job creation and promotion of social inclusion in the Gauteng City Region.

The local film industry is growing in leaps and bounds and we have seen a huge improvement in the numbers and the quality of content produced in Gauteng. We will therefore continue to strive to make Gauteng a preferred destination for Creative Industry and Film Production.

In this financial year, the Gauteng Film Commission will continue to support the film and TV industry in Gauteng. We will support the development of content, production, post-production and distribution by funding 12 production projects, including marketing support for these productions.

381 temporary jobs will be created in various skills area in the industry. In order to ensure that the productions are economically viable, partnerships with broadcasters, such as SABC, Gau TV, MNET and other regional TV broadcasters will be initiated.

We will also continue to conduct screenings in our communities, we have targeted to reach 1000 audiences in this financial year. This programme's objective is to build a culture of cinema going and the appreciation of local content, and in turn ensure that content producers run economically sustained enterprises.

Honourable Speaker;

For our interventions to have the most beneficial effect on the Film and TV industry and our economy, we call on the private sector and production houses to support us in the development of the film infrastructure such as Film studios, especially in townships, across the province.

We will pursue partnership with municipalities to establish shared industrial facilities to provide infrastructure which supports film activities in marginalized areas such as townships.

***Library Information and Archival Services***

In line with our Constitutional mandate, we remain committed to providing access to knowledge, resources and services to meet the needs of individuals and groups for education, information and personal development.

Libraries are knowledge hubs, which strive to achieve the broad imperatives of socio-economic development and nation building. In this financial year we will complete construction of new libraries in Leondale, Kingsway, Olievenhoutbosch, Evaton North, Kagiso XT6, Rietvallei XT2&3, Kagiso x12, Drieziek, Naturena, and Ratanda XT7.

In this financial year we will transfer R117 million to municipalities to strengthen and support community library services. The bulk of this transfer will go to West Rand and Sedibeng.

In our quest to modernize our library and information services, we will continue to roll out the Mzansi – on Line Project to 14 more libraries. The libraries which will benefit from this modernization initiative will receive state of the art ICT infrastructure in order to provide fast public internet access, Wi-Fi, and workstations for the visually impaired.

Libraries in the following areas will benefit from this modernization initiative; Diepsloet, Germiston, Winnie Mandela and Langaville in Ekurhuleni, Bronkhorstspuit, V.T Sefora, Residensia, Vanderbijlpark, Ratanda, Lakeside in Midvaal, Gugulethu Library in Khutsong, Mohlakeng XT7, Simunye in Westonaria, and Kagiso.

We will also collaborate with the Gauteng Department of E-Governance link libraries in Westonaria, Randfontein and Emfuleni Local Municipalities to the Gauteng Broadband network.

We are on course to complete the Provincial Archive Centre in Mogale City, in this financial year. It will preserve and make available records of enduring value containing our past.

It will also keep the archives of some of our leaders, politicians and public figures who helped to shape South Africa and ensure the success of a democratic government and free society. Important papers documenting scientific advances over the past will also be preserved and accessed by the people of Gauteng.

This is one of the most important sources for the understanding of the democratic history. It is constructed to ensure the future of important public collections of the past and future.

In order to ensure that we have capacity and capability to render effective and efficient Library, Information and Archival Services in Gauteng, we have made available 5 bursaries for students in Library and Information Science and 5 bursaries in Archival Studies. R300,000,00 has been allocated for this purpose.

We have allocated R2,3 million to operationalize the Boipatong Memorial, R5,3 million to operationalize the Women's Living Heritage Monument, which we will unveil on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August this year when we commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Day.

We have also allocated R7,96 million operationalize the Kagiso Monument in this financial year. Operationalization is sustainable as it is budgeted for over the MTEF period.

### ***Sport and Recreation***

Honourable Speaker;



Gauteng remains the “*Home of Champions*”, hence we take this opportunity to congratulate Mamelodi Sundowns for winning the 2015-16 Premier Soccer League Title. Mamelodi Sundowns have won the League Title 7 times, since the inception of PSL. This year they also won the Telkom Cup Final. We also congratulate many athletes from different Sporting Codes who continue to put Gauteng on the map nationally and internationally!

We are also proud that two Gauteng Teams will battle it out for the Nedbank Cup Final this coming Saturday, at Peter Mokaba Stadium. Between *Amabhakaniya* and *Ama Tsantsantsa a Pitori*, may the best and deserving team win.

The work that we do among our communities, when execute # *Siyabangena!* is bearing fruit. Allow me therefore, Honourable Members, to cite a few examples of athletes who are products of our development work and are now representing our country;

- Ms Refilwe Jane, who is currently the *Banyana Banyana* vice Captain, was the 2009 Future Champion Gauteng -Future Players winner. She has since become the Future Champions

Gauteng Ambassador over the years motivating other aspirant young women football players.

- Another young lady, Ms Karabo Makhurubetshi, one of the 2014/2015 Future Champion Gauteng -Future Players winners, has now developed to be one of the best and exciting players. She recently represented South Africa in Nigeria as part of the *Basetsana Basetsana* team.

She also won a scholarship to study at the University of Pretoria High Performance Centre.

- The 2016 Gauteng Future Champions Gauteng -Future Coaches winner, Ms Christa Kgamphe, is earmarked to be one of the best up and coming coaches to take South African Women's Football to greater heights.

Honourable Members; these are just few examples of individuals who have risen through the ranks of our Sport Development Programs.

### ***Competitive Sport***

Our Competitive Sport Program focuses on attracting, retaining and hosting of Major Sporting Events which contribute to the sustainable economic growth of the Gauteng City Region. This is part of the Gauteng Provincial Government's Strategy on Bidding and Hosting of major events which aims to position our province as a premier business and events destination.

Honourable Speaker;

I am proud to announce that on 27-29 May this year, we will partner with Arnold Schwarzenegger to host the inaugural Arnold Classic Africa, a unique multi-sport showpiece, and one of the world's most inclusive and popular sports festivals.

This Sport and Recreation festival will become the African Chapter of the Arnold Sports Festival, adding to established sport and recreation extravaganzas which are held annually in the United States, Australia, Europe, and South America.

We have thus pulled out all stops to ensure that thousands of participants and supporters who will be part of the Arnold Classic

South Africa 2016 experience the best the Gauteng City Region has to offer.

### ***School Sport***

We continue to provide technical and administrative support to the district School Sport Program. Education Districts participate in the following Sporting Codes; Football, Netball, Athletics, Chess, Volleyball, Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Table Tennis, Gymnastics, Aquatics and Basketball.

In this financial year we will provide equipment and attire to 350 deserving schools which are spread over 15 Gauteng Department of Education Districts through- out the province. The equipment and attire is for athletics, basketball, gymnastics and the indigenous games.

We will also provide capacity building to 350 educators to ensure the professionalization with regard to coaching and technical officiating. We will continue to provide support for participation in South African Schools Championships whose format has changed to different codes

competing during three seasons of the year, namely; summer, autumn, and winter.

### ***Sport Development and Coordination***

Sport Development is the incubation platform for all our sporting codes. Since we embarked on Sport Development, more clubs in the townships are competing in structured and competitive leagues.

In the previous financial year, 21 leagues and tournaments were supported.

This year we will increase this support to 35 leagues, from 21 that we supported in the previous financial year. The number of girls and women participating in sport, particularly in netball, women's football and swimming has increased. We have also began hold coaching clinics and tournaments in rural areas of our province.

We also implement an Academy programme which identifies talented sports men and women to prepare them to compete as professionals.

Through this programme, our Sport Science Mobile Unit provides access to sport science testing to athletes in township schools and clubs and rural areas.

This year we have targeted to support 1500 athletes with sport science services and up-skill 550 coaches with seminars, workshops and training programmes. We have thus allocated R6, 6 million to the Academy programme in this financial year.

Our Club Development programme facilitates access for those clubs which do not participate in mainstream sport and assists with the establishment, revival and strengthening of existing clubs. The budget for this programme is R15, million.

This year, this programme will focus on supporting 160 clubs with equipment and attire, 35 leagues and tournaments, particularly focusing on the girl child, training 650 sport administrators, coaches and technical officials, enhancing the Rural Sport programme, and supporting the Water Safety Programme which encompasses; Learn to Swim, and Water Safety Education.

### ***Recreation***

Through our Recreation programmes we contribute to healthy lifestyles. These programmes are also implemented where people

live. We have allocated R3, 012 000, 00 to purchase equipment and attire to support Recreational Hub programmes and activities.

The core component of Recreation programmes is *Siyadlala* which includes;

- Active Ageing, which promotes physical activity among the elderly;
- Indigenous Games,
- Big Walk;
- Fun Runs and Walks,
- Aerobics for all age groups,
- Community Games which are organized by individuals, most of whom are Sporting legends and past heroes and heroines,
- Recreation Day and;
- Move for Health.

All of these Recreational activities are implemented in the 5 Corridors of our province.

### ***Conclusion***

Honourable Speaker;

It is our belief that the budget which is appropriated to our Department is not mere expenditure, in fact it is an investment into a Socially Cohesive people of Gauteng. We have decided to depopulate our Head Office and deploy our officials at all levels to where our communities live.

Hence we say *# SIYABANGENA!* Where the people of Gauteng are gathered, Cultural, Artistic, Sporting and Recreational activities will be the order of the day!

I therefore take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Honourable Premier for his leadership, my colleagues in the Executive Council for their support, the Portfolio Committee for its



rigorous oversight, and all categories of staff for their commitment and diligence.

**# SIYABANGENA!!!**