Fact Sheet

State of the Capital Address by Executive Mayor of Tshwane,
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One Nation, One Capital: Advancing Tshwane Vision 2055

- Five themes encompassed the 2016 State of the City Address
  - One nation, one capital
  - Advancing radical economic transformation
  - The configuration of space within the Capital
  - Advancing equitable access for all
  - Governance
- Fort Klapperkop announced as site in strong contention for the new location of Parliament.

Accelerating radical economic transformation within the Capital

- Tshwane’s estimated economic growth rate is at 2.4%, considerably higher than the national average
- Tshwane’s unemployment rate is approximately 21.2%, lower than the national average
- City of Tshwane contributes to at least 27% of Gauteng's economy and to over 9% of the national economy
- Tshwane is the quickest improving metropolitan in South Africa and rapidly becoming the best place to live in South Africa (South African Metropolitan Better Life Index based on the OECD Better Life Index)
- The City’s sustainable inclusive growth strategy and its implementation plan include:
  - The education sector - potential to contribute an additional R37 billion in 2030 and create an additional 160 000 jobs
  - The agri-business sector – potential to contribute an additional R24 billion in 2030 and create an additional 120 000 jobs
  - The tourism sector - potential to contribute an additional R28 billion in 2030 and create an additional 70 000 jobs

Connectivity and inclusive growth

- TshWi-Fi
  - Biggest Wi-Fi network on the African continent - 776 TshWi-Fi zones and over 1.4 million unique devices access the network
  - A 328% increase since March 2015 - monthly growth rate of 15%
  - Daily cap increased by 100% to 500 megabytes
  - Average speeds are 15 times faster
Promoting Trade and Investment

- Menlyn Main development set to become Africa’s first green city – an investment of R8 billion
- City of Tshwane’s transport industry
  - Grew from R 23,9 billion in 2010 to R 28,9 billion in 2015
  - Makes up 12% of Tshwane’s economy
  - Annual growth rate of 3,9%
  - Makes up 6% of total Tshwane employment and 9% of national transport employment
- BMW Group investment of R6 billion at its Rosslyn Plant
- Nissan South Africa – increase of production to 80 000 new model bakkies
- Ford Motor Company – investment of R2,5 billion in its Silverton plant, creating an additional 1 200 jobs

Accelerating skills development and job creation

- Tshepo 10 000 programme – created 508 jobs; R273 million awarded to Tshepo 10 000 cooperatives until the 2017/18 financial year
- City’s Procurement budget – 75% allocated to the youth, SMMEs, women and the disabled
- TEDA’s conceptualised and designed agro-processing hub will generate 300 sustainable jobs and contribute in excess of R1,7 billion to the Tshwane economy
- The Tshwane Fresh Produce Market, the second largest in the country, with a projected turnover of R2,7 billion in 2015/16 financial year
- Tshwane Informal Traders Bursary Fund (TITBF) - first of its kind in the country. A total of 140 beneficiaries funded to value of over R3,1 million

Enabling knowledge and innovation within the Capital

- Invested R8 million in young people and, together with the Innovation Hub, has created and supported young innovators.
- The Tshwane Informal Traders Bursary Fund has benefited 140 students with an investment value of R3,1 million.
- 48 local drug action committees established in Soshanguve, Mabopane, Winterveld, Ga-Rankuwa, Hammanskraal, Atteridgeville, Olievenhoutbosch, Cullinan, Mamelodi and surrounds, and Bronkhorstspruit.

The reconfiguration of space within the Capital

- Donated 170 land parcels in excess of 861 000m² to faith-based organisations
- 90 parks developed at an investment of R167 million in previously disadvantaged areas and 1 305 jobs created through the programme
- Re aga Tshwane - Formalised 62 townships and proclaimed 13 townships; impacting in excess of 20 000 families per annum. Relocated approximately 11 202 families from unsuitable living conditions to permanent stands
Between July 2011 and March 2016, 24 173 houses transferred to owners and 21 299 title deeds issued
Since 2011, 66 low-cost houses allocated to military veterans
Tsosoloso township renewal programme - to date, R676 million spent on township regeneration projects

**Sustainable mobility and integrated public transport**

- The use of a bus-rapid transit system, also known as BRT, can accommodate 6 000 people per hour
- A Re Yeng, integrates with the rail network at five key railway stations, namely Kopanong, Wonderboom, Pretoria Station, Hatfield and Denneboom. Current average daily ridership is 4 600 passengers
- The A Re Yeng fleet comprises of 26 compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, the first fully renewable energy propelled buses on the continent
- During the current term, 238,9 km of roads and 276,1 km of storm water systems have been constructed

**Towards the creation of a sustainable and resilient Capital**

- City of Tshwane is now a member of the ICLEI and C40 networks. It provides an information exchange on climate change response issues, as well as engagement and participation in international programmes.
- Current sustainability initiatives, which include: (i) the exploration of landfill gas to produce CNG, (ii) energy generation from the waste water treatment works by converting sludge into bio-energy, (iii) a solar farm in Bronkhorstspruit, (iv) a green neighbourhood in Zithobeni Heights, (v) the introduction of green municipal bonds, and (vi) the retrofitting of municipal buildings with LED lights and solar street lighting, in addition to other interventions.
- The first phase of the Kwaggasrand multipurpose waste facility enables the diverting of waste from landfill sites. This makes it the first municipality in the country to use a waste diversion facility for general mixed waste as the primary solution for waste disposal of a significant scale.
- A total of 155 buildings within the City are part of the waste paper recycling programme.
- The partnership formed with BMW, Bio2Watt and City of Tshwane has seen it currently producing 1,5 MW of power, achieving full generation capacity by June 2016.
- The City has Blue and Green Drop water scores. It will maintain and improve this with the almost complete installation of 327 297 m of new bulk and network water pipes and an additional 254 830 m of upgrade and replacement of bulk and network water pipelines.
- The innovative WHC Leak-Less Valve saves 70% of water that is currently lost through toilet leaks. A pilot is being rolled out to 1 000 households in Soshanguve.
- The total expenditure on new bulk electricity infrastructure projects in the 2014/15 financial year amounted to approximately R80 million.
- Almost 59 000 households have received electrification in the current term, from this over 18 000 connections were provided to informal settlements.
In 2011, 79.2% of Tshwane residents had access to electricity and now it is marginally below 90%.

**Enhancing the wellbeing of the Capital’s residents**

- During the current term, the City implemented nine infrastructure development projects at a cost of R152.9 million.
- The annual healthcare satisfaction survey indicated that 90.5% of respondents were satisfied with the services received and 92% of users would recommend the service to others.
- Currently, 98% of Tshwane residents have access to primary healthcare services.
- The City has ten early childhood development centres with five in Atteridgeville and another five in Mamelodi, benefitting more than 4 000 children annually.

**Towards the creation of a safe and secure Capital**

- The City’s emergency services team responded to more than 50 000 fires in the current term.
- 80% of fire engines that have fire fighting and rescue capacity were replaced over the last three years.
- The emergency call and dispatch centre received over 1.9 million emergency calls from the community in distress over the past five years, with a response time of between five and ten minutes within urban areas.
- The Tshwane Metropolitan Police has deployed more than 3 900 metropolitan officers to advance “local level policing”.
- The City has a total of 319 operational CCTV cameras to help combat crime, resulting in 15 arrests affected, 823 criminal incidents and 1 142 traffic incidents being attended to between December 2015 and February 2016.

**Unleashing the energy and creativity of the Capital’s residents**

- The Nelson Mandela Remembrance Walk attracted tens of thousands of participants, tracing his footsteps from the Kgosi Mampuru Prison to the Union Buildings.
- The Washington DC Poetry Exchange Programme (enabled by our MOU with the City of Washington DC), youth crafts development programmes via the EU, the celebration of the year of South Africa in China and the Mzansi Fela Festival in partnership with the State Theatre.
- The City has hosted various concerts, including the Moretele Park Jazz concert in Mamelodi, arguably the biggest jazz event in Gauteng and the Gauteng Carnival.
- Libraries have been constructed in Mabopane, Stanza Bopape, Suurman and the Cullinan Library Park. Six libraries will be completed before the end of June 2017.
- The Tshwane Open golf tournament has been hosted by the City over the past three years and has contributed, in excess of R200 million, to the city’s GDP in its first three years. The tournament has significantly assisted in positioning the Capital globally, reaching over 847 million households and achieved a global media exposure of USD23 million.
The City will be hosting the *Airlink Adrenaline Show* at the Wonderboom Airport from 11 to 12 June 2016.

The City has made unconditional grants and donations to 19 community media radio stations and 13 newspapers across the City, amounting to R2.2 million.

A donation of R600 000 has been made to the University of Pretoria for training of community radio journalists; 43 have completed the course.

The Digital Imbizo series, #AskRamokgopa Digimbizo, have engaged a cumulative total of approximately 500 000 people, with more than 15 million impressions and an average of 600 quality inputs received per engagement.

**The adoption of a new governance model towards expediting service delivery**

- The City’s intervention programmes such as Vat Alles, Tshepo 10 000 and the Kuka Maoto programme have ensured enhanced levels of service delivery to communities in addition to advancing inclusive growth at the local level.

  - *Operation Kuka Maoto* - focusses on urban management and other service delivery related challenges. Since July 2015 it has:
    - repaired over 5 900 m² of potholes;
    - resealed over 162.7 km of roads;
    - cleaned 38 305 m² of storm water channels;
    - regravelled 52.73 km of roads;
    - repaired in excess of 3 700 streetlights and 123 high mast lights and erected 35 new high mast lights;
    - installed over 1 000 water meters, fixed 940 water leaks, repaired 86 water tanks and cleaned 230 manholes; and
    - cut over 2.7 million square metres of grass, cleared 195 illegal dumping sites, cleaned 14 cemeteries, developed 7 parks, and provided over 2 600 street names.

- A total of nineteen public and sectoral engagements have been held to date, with an average attendance of 1 000 community members per meeting.

- Over 205 service delivery concerns were raised and addressed in record time.

**Towards improving fiscal prudence within the Capital**

- The City received unqualified audits during the current term of office and has maintained its credit rating at investment grade by Moody’s Investor Services for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years.
  - With the *Mmogo Re A Gola* programme:
    - there has been a cumulative increase in payment levels of R400 million in the first half of the financial year;
    - a total of R850 million was collected through the newly established Revenue Recovery and Credit Control Centre; and

- The City has 250 000 registered e-*Tshwane* users: online statements can be viewed and payments can be made 24/7 - over 200 000 payments have been successfully made utilising e-*Tshwane*. In addition, 35 e-Tshwane kiosks are located across the City.
- The elimination of this cancer is a top priority: to date, 818 cases have been finalised and a total of 165 cases have been referred for disciplinary action, with 55 criminal cases registered.
- The e-Procurement system is being implemented and will result in substantially mitigating the influence of human beings in procurement selection processes.

**Positioning the Capital as a global player**

- The City has increased presence and participation in multilateral organisations, such as United Cities for Local Government, the World Economic Forum, the Open Government Initiative and the OECD.
- The City has hosted mayors of 21 African capital cities at the *African Cities Sustainability Forum*.
- Since 2011, the City has signed MoUs relating to local governance, arts and culture, education, capacity building, social cohesion, inclusive growth, the green economy, research and innovation, and tourism with the cities of Dar es Salaam, Quito, Kingston, Seoul and Washington DC.