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Here's what recovery looks like (Moneyweb)

FNB CEO Jacques Celliers says that while the broader FirstRand group is in a “very good place from a franchise perspective” in that it’s been able to get to the “other side without major damage to our core client base”, there remains a need to “get the economy going again”. (Tarrant , 2020)

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Lotto millions used for minor renovations on stadium (GroundUp)

An R11.4 million Lottery grant to a non-profit organisation to build a sports facility in Limpopo was used for maintenance and repairs to an existing stadium built several years earlier, leaving close to R11 million unaccounted for. (van Zyl & Joseph, 2020)

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New rules for ANC Councillors (Times Live)

The ANC has proposed new rules for the selection of councillors which may disqualify a number of its current public representatives.

According to the proposed new rules ANC candidates should be “capable, experienced and collectively must possess various forms of expertise in areas such as finance, procurement, community and economic development, service delivery and infrastructure”.(Deklerk, 2020)

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Where do Africans study abroad (Mail & Guardian)

The majority of African students studying abroad are choosing China as their destination. This information is in a report by Development Reimagined, an international consultancy based in China. (Mail & Guardian, 2020)

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Clicks commits to boost spending on SMME's (SAnews.gov.za)

The Clicks Group, owners of Clicks stores and United Pharmaceutical Distributors (UPD), has committed to increase spending on small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and support local beauty, hair care brands and other products. (SAnews, 2020)

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENCY

KASHIF WICOMB

one of its worse crises in modern day history. Our unemployment in March was at 30.1%, the highest in 17 years, this was before the COVID-19 crisis. According to central bank forecasts, the economy probably contracted more than 30% on an annualized basis in the second quarter and portfolio outflows in the first three months of 2020 were at the highest level on record. Consumer confidence is at the lowest since 1985. With these very sober statistics, now is the time for an affirmed and bullet proof social compact between the State and civil society and private sector. Now is the time for progressive professionals and entrepreneurs to collaborate and work with each other and not compete against each other.

State must implement its recovery plan; we dip our banner & Marcus Jooste of Steinhoff still running free & living a private life of luxury.

Window 5 of the Independent Power Producer (IPP) programme, as an example, should not wait for publication in Q2 of 2021, as is reported, when the market is ready to execute these projects.

Another sad week in SA as we mourn the death of Adv George Bizos. Adv Bizos was the living example of a progressive and professional patriot and of non-racialism. He not only cared for the marginalised & oppressed but turned this care & concern into action sacrificing his privilege for the under privileged. Rest in eternal peace Cde and Patriot Uncle George Bizos.

The State is attempting to invigorate the economy through the 276 projects or R 2.3 trillion total investment it has earmarked on infrastructure development. This will be done via leveraging public & private sector funding through commercially viable infrastructure projects with revenue streams that can be discounted to create instruments like off-take agreements or power purchase agreements or PPP's. The sectors identified are human settlements; agriculture; transport & storage; communication; energy & gas and water.

- 1. We call on our members to collaborate with each other in order to be ready when these projects are published so that we can present bids and solutions which are home grown, meets the technical requirements and exceeds the transformation objectives to the State.**
- 2. We call on the State to implement its plans with rapid speed & to progress from planning to implementation.**

The South African economy like countries all over is facing



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We have investment interests in 5 countries thus far, a team with over 120 years of combined experience and assets spanning over 200 000m2 under management.

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- Investment advisory and management
- Consultancy
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Covid19 has seen businesses, individuals, and communities deteriorating world-wide. At Cayman, we have adopted a proactive strategic approach with new and existing clients to embrace technology and empower their human capital to be able to compete on a global scale.

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REMEMBERING STEVE BIKO *Courtesy of Steve Biko Foundation*

Bantu Stephen Biko was born in Tylden on the 18th December 1946.

Steve Biko went on to register for a degree in medicine at the Black Section of the Medical School of the University of Natal in 1966. Very early in his academic program Biko showed an expansive search for knowledge that far exceeded the realm of the medical profession, ending up as one of the most prominent student leaders.

In 1968, Biko and his colleagues founded the South African Students' Organisation (SASO). He was elected the first President of SASO. SASO was borne out of the frustrations Black students encountered within the liberal and multi-racial National Union of South African Students (NUSAS). After serving as the organization's President Biko was elected Publications Director for SASO where he wrote prolifically under the pseudonym, Frank Talk.

With the seed of Black Consciousness having been sown outside of student campuses, Biko and his colleagues argued for a broader based black political organization in the country. In July 1972, the Black People's Convention (BPC) was founded.

Inspired by Biko's growing legacy the youth of the country at high school level mobilized themselves to form the South African Students' Movement (SASM). This movement played a pivotal role in 1976 Soweto Uprising, which accelerated the course of the liberation struggle.

Biko was instrumental in the development and formation of a core SASO project – the Black Workers' Project (BWP), which was co-sponsored by the Black Community Programs (BCP) for which Biko worked at the time.

The BCP addressed the problems of Black workers whose unions were not yet recognized by the law. After being expelled from Medical School in 1972, Biko joined the BCP at their Durban offices. The BCP engaged in a number of community-based projects and published a yearly journal called the Black Review, which provided an analysis of political trends in the country.

In March of 1973 Biko was banned and restricted to King Williams' Town. It was not long before his banning order was amended to restrict him from any association with the BCP.

Despite his banning, the office that he established did well, managing amongst other achievements to build the Zanempilo Clinic and a creche. As an example of his resolve and indestructible black pride, Biko was also instrumental in the founding of the Zimele Trust Fund in 1975, which was set to assist political prisoners and their families. He continued his work, setting up the Ginsberg Trust to assist black students.

In his short but remarkable life, Biko was frequently harassed and detained under the country's notorious security legislation. This interrogation culminated in his arrest, together with his colleague and comrade Peter Cyril Jones, at a Police roadblock outside of King William's Town on the 18th August 1977. Biko and Jones were tortured at the headquarters of the Security Division housed in what was then known as the Sanlam building in Port Elizabeth. It was during this period that Biko sustained massive brain hemorrhage.

On the 11th of September 1977 Biko was transported to Pretoria central prison – a twelve-hour journey, naked, without medical escort, in the back of a police Land Rover. Biko died on the floor of an empty cell in Pretoria Central Prison on the 12th of September. It was in this way that South Africa was robbed of one of its foremost political thinkers.

Biko became officially the 46th victim of torture and death under the State Security Laws. His death helped highlight the brutality of South African security laws to the international community and the general plight of South Africans. It led directly to the decision by Western countries to support the UN Security Council vote to ban arms sales to South Africa.


In remembering Biko and drawing lessons from his legacy, a number of issues arise.

Although Biko is often regarded as the father of Black Consciousness, his political contribution extends well beyond black society and its consciousness. By abandoning politics of comfort, Biko challenged liberal white society to revisit its own consciousness. In this way, he contributed significantly to white consciousness and thus to ploughing the ingredients of mutual respect and non-racialism.


'The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.' Speech in Cape Town, 1971.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Provide a platform for all professionals to stimulate intellectual debate on the progressive agenda.

- > Enable continuous interactions between various progressive formations and professionals.
- > Leverage and harness the capacity of professionals to engender an inclusive economic growth and combat the triple challenge of: Poverty, Inequality & Unemployment.
- > Seek mechanisms to ensure that the public discourse in the country is balanced and progressive and promote the patriotism of its citizens.

We will do this by availing our skills and expertise and engaging at a strategic level with government and the private sector.

Character of the PPF:

- > The PPF is non-racial, non-sexist, non-xenophobic and non-afrophobic
- > The PPF is a South African based organisation and has a national, continental and international focus.
- > The PPF seeks to attract professionals, academia, intelligentsia and entrepreneurs who align themselves with progressive movements and who aspire to progressive ideals such as those enshrined in the Freedom Charter and the Preamble of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Building Africa's productive capacity through partnership

The PPF believes that the political, social and economic history and destiny of South Africa is intertwined with that of the African continent. Since 1994 the Government has steered South Africa into a progressive, respectful and collaborative contributor to the deepening of democracy, self-determination and prosperity throughout Africa. In addition, the performance of Africa's economy has begun to defy Afro-pessimism, with more than half of the 10 fastest growing global economies now being African.

- >The PPF will therefore enhance all efforts to foster alliances with progressive African professionals, businessmen and entrepreneurs, in order to maximize the continent's productive capacity.
- > The PPF will assist in fully integrating African professionals and businessmen in the diaspora into South African society as valuable and active participants.
- > The PPF will not tolerate xenophobia/afrophobia and will actively work to eliminating it.

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