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# TOP #5 TRENDING ARTICLES

## **Stats SA: A steady decline in infrastructure spending from the government over the last year. (BusinessTech)**

New data published by Statistics South Africa shows a steady decline in infrastructure spending from the government over the last year.

In June 2020, the government announced the roll-out of an extensive infrastructure investment drive that would cover 55 projects across six sectors. (BusinessTech, 2020)

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## **Min Thoko Didiza announced plans to distribute over 500 000 hectares of agricultural state land. (BusinessTech)**

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development minister Thoko Didiza has announced plans to distribute agricultural state land as part of the government's land reform programme. (BusinessTech, 2020)

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## **Trump backpedals over racist group row, Biden blasts him as 'embarrassment' (News24)**

US President Donald Trump scrambled on Wednesday to quell an uproar over his failure to explicitly denounce white supremacist groups during his debate debacle with Joe Biden, who branded his election rival a "national embarrassment." (AFP, 2020)

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## **Why we must fight for more women & young people in politics (Mail & Guardian)**

The Kenyan political system is in crisis. The country's chief justice, David Maraga, has written to President Uhuru Kenyatta to advise him to dissolve Parliament — a move that would require fresh elections. (Jemide, 2020)

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## **Smith arrest paves way for Bosasa corruption accused politicians to face music (News24)**

The arrest on Thursday of former top ANC MP Vincent Smith has given the evidence against high profile politicians in connection with Bosasa corruption a massive injection of credibility. (Cowan, 2020)

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENCY

**KASHIF WICOMB**

***Progressive chambers talk shops with Government, the next day & Marcus Jooste of Steinhoff still running free & living a private life of luxury.***

Progressive professionals organisations and chambers have the good fortune of often hosting key State leaders in public forums and more recently online webinars. The PPF is no different as one of our mandates is to bring the State closer to civil society / private sector. During the recent COVID crisis, on line webinars have become the norm and, in any week at least four such webinars are hosted. This is all well and good but what are the outcomes?

What happens the next day?

South Africa has one of the most transparent law-making processes in the world. Every draft bill is preceded by a public participation process for the public to comment on it. Ministers are fairly accessible and always willing to share their thoughts and thinking with the public at large. Yet we as progressive formations very seldom follow the legislated public participation processes and submit written proposals or attend the Parliamentary Portfolio Committees to present formal submissions etc.

We cannot rely on public engagements with Ministers and Q&A's and believe that we have now changed the course of history or a particular policy or law. We must conduct research, draft formal submissions and formally advocate the State for what we believe is a better solution on a matter.

We must move beyond simple complaint sessions, Q&A's and talk shops. It is time that we become more serious, more focused, more resourced in advancing our positions on matters we are passionate about. We need to apply our collective skills and more importantly pool our resources. It is sad and very disappointing that 27 years into democracy, progressive chambers still do not have a full-time parliamentary monitoring unit to track draft bills, policies and parliamentary proceedings.

**The PPF launched its Policy Advocacy and Research Unit with the objective of participating and influencing laws and policies. Join the PPF on our quest to truly becoming THE progressive Policy, Advocacy and Research organization in South Africa.**



Cayman International, a fully integrated international asset management organization is managed by a vibrant team of South African professionals, who form part of our larger international network of partners. By providing value added services in the areas of business and asset management, consulting and advisory, we strive for service excellence and aim to build relationships with SA's market leaders and integrate them into our global network.

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.

The services we provide include:

- Economic and business environment research
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- Digital strategy formation and implementation
- Tax effective supply chain management
- Audit, account, and tax compliance
- Strategic management
- Investment advisory and management
- Consultancy
- Syndication and investments
- Property management

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.

We approach each of our projects with the aim of creating valuable client relationships whilst ensuring maximum operating efficiency, satisfaction, and inspiring solution driving thinking.

Cayman is committed to ensuring client expectations are consistently met through innovation, development, and ongoing international economic research.

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## FOCUS:

### TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRAFT BILL

### FACILITATED BY PPF GAUTENG

### PRESENTER BY GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

**DATE: 2 OCTOBER 2020**  
**TIME: 12:00**  
**VENUE: ZOOM**



MEETING ID: 208 652 4918 PASSWORD: PPFGP

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GENDER BASED  
VIOLENCE &  
FEMICIDE  
"SEKWANELE"  
"IT IS ENOUGH"

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### LAUNCH OF THE GBVF CAMPAIGN

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020

TIME: 14:00 - 16:30

  
ZOOM Meeting  
ID: 338 385 2734  
Password: PPFGBVF

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## Our objectives and Character:

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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