Premier Kiviet has Spoken...

“...through honesty and dedication in working together we shall achieve more....”

Premier Noxolo Kiviet

State of the Province Address 2009

Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet outlined the provincial strategic framework for the next five years. The province has identified eight priorities for implementation and budget allocation by government:
Strategic Government Priorities

1. **Speed up growth and transforming the economy to create decent work and sustainable livelihoods**
   - Diversify the economy in order to create quality jobs
   - Finalise and implement the provincial Industrial Development Strategy
   - Implement sector-specific interventions to deal with recession
   - Facilitate strategic investment opportunities within the province
   - Intensify investment marketing of the province
   - Promote entrepreneurial development – through Cooperatives Strategy and Cooperatives Development Fund
   - Targeted sectors: agri-business, forestry and timber processing, construction, automotive, metals, chemicals productions, textiles and clothing, tourism and cultural sectors

2. **Build social and economic infrastructure**
   - Address infrastructure challenges and backlogs and thus create jobs
   - Provision of social and economic infrastructure
   - Expand road construction programmes with bias on rural access roads using alternative surfacing measures
   - Integrate planning for economic and social infrastructure
   - Revitalise education, sports, health infrastructure and provision of affordable housing and human settlements
   - Migrate all infrastructure delivery responsibilities to Department of Roads and Public Works
   - Create 480 000 work opportunities over next 5 years
   - Create 50 000 jobs in current financial year – 1000 of which shall be part of national youth service

3. **Rural development, land, agrarian reform and food security**
   - Improve quality of life of people in rural areas
   - Finalise Rural Development Strategy by end June 2009
   - Intensify implementation of Siyazondla Programme
   - Protect farm workers and dwellers and develop clear regulatory framework for effective land use and management
   - Rationalise entities into a single Eastern Cape Rural Development entity
   - Launch the Rural Development Fund
   - Mhlontlo Municipality is a provincial Rural Development pilot site

4. **Strengthening education, and building a skills and human resources base**
   - Continue with implementation of provincial strategic skills programme
   - Build partnership for skills development required in economy
   - Recapitalise FET colleges
   - Improve teacher training and teaching facilities
   - Strengthen partnerships with Lower Saxony and Baden-Württemberg
   - Deliver School nutrition to 174 105 learners in 183 schools in this financial year
   - Improve matric results especially for under-performing schools
   - Assist the poor to enroll in tertiary institutions
   - Synergise various financial scheme
   - Implement Learner Attainment Improvement Strategy and monitor quality of teaching and learning
5. **Improving the health profile of the province**
   - Promote general health and wellbeing of people and accessibility of health services
   - Functionality of the primary health care system
   - Recruitment of health professionals
   - Infrastructure development and maintenance
   - Ensure availability of essential drugs at all times
   - Accelerate renovations of clinics
   - Deliver 105 health facilities accredited to provide comprehensive care, management and treatment services in current year
   - Intensify fight against TB, HIV and AIDS

6. **Intensifying the fight against crime and corruption**
   - Establish Community Safety Forums
   - Emphasis on rural safety and dealing with social crimes against women and children
   - Youth to be at the forefront of fight against crime
   - All departments to have anti-corruption, risk management and fraud prevention capacity

7. **Building a developmental state, improving the public services and strengthening democratic institutions**
   - Government is central in fight against poverty and underdevelopment
   - Public service is engine of Government and performance of State
   - Public service to treat people with dignity and timeously
   - Zero tolerance to non-performance
   - Commit to paying service providers within 30 days

8. **Building cohesive, caring and sustainable communities**
   - Together lets develop common sense of patriotism and community solidarity
   - Intensify support for the Moral Regeneration Programme to fight the social ills we face
   - Promote care and support of the poor and vulnerable in society

The three coordinating Departments of Office of the Premier, Provincial Treasury and Local Government and Traditional Affairs to:

- Host Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR) Summit by end of 2009
- Firm-up inter-sphere cooperation on planning and service delivery
- Implement coherent plans to support local municipalities to ensure clean audits by 2014
Ke Nako - we are ready to host the World

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