

Minister Jeff Radebe to deliver keynote address at Vision 2030 Summit

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Minister in the Presidency Jeff Radebe will be the keynote speaker at the second annual Vision 2030 Summit to be hosted by Topco Media in June.

The Summit, to be held at Emperors Palace on 8 and 9 June, follows on the successful Summit and the publication of a book on the National Development Plan (NDP) by Topco Media last year. Vision 2030 refers to the deadline outlined in the NDP for South Africa to be a significantly better place.

The aim of the summit is to look at what the private sector can do to advance the goals of the NDP, which is a plan intended to be embraced by all South Africans.

Radebe was also the keynote speaker at last year's summit and said that the NDP "calls on us to take measures to reduce income inequality and raise the income share of the bottom 40% earners. This requires all of us to discuss and reach an agreement on the kind of economic order we want and trade-offs and sacrifices we require to achieve it".

During the State of the Nation Address, President Jacob Zuma announced several programmes and incentives to attract investors and accelerate the plan and economic growth. The programmes focus on agriculture, electricity, manufacturing, automotive, water infrastructure, construction, health and mining.

"To achieve our objectives of creating jobs, reducing inequality and pushing back the frontiers of poverty, we need faster growth. In the NDP, we set our aspirational target growth of 5% per year, which we had hoped to achieve by 2019. Given the economic conditions, it is clear that we will not achieve that growth target at the time we had hoped to achieve it," said President Zuma during SONA. "The tough global and domestic conditions should propel us to redouble our efforts, working together as all sectors".

Topco Media editorial director Ryland Fisher said that the company is committed to promoting the NDP as a private sector company and will once again seek to bring together senior representatives of government, business and civil society in a forum where they can discuss the major issues facing the country.

Companies who will be represented at the Vision 2030 Summit include Cisco Systems, Anglo American Platinum, Aurecon, Curro Holdings, Tiger Brands, Kwikspace Modular Buildings, AfroCentric Health, Mega Water Corporation, Mine Workers Investment Trust, MMI Holdings, SBV Services, Sizwe Ntsaluba Gobodo, Siemens, USAASA, Group 5, Total SA, Afrilink, Lafarge Holcim and Aecom.

After last year's summit, Topco Media published a White Paper which highlighted opportunities and challenges faced by the public and private sector. According to Minister Radebe, challenges facing South Africa are also challenges facing other countries in the world.

Read the paper: http://2030vision.co.za/event/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/WHITE-PAPER_new.pdf

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