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A NOTE FROM NAJWAH

I would like to wish all our partners a productive and successful 2016. I hope that everyone has returned refreshed and ready to take on the challenges that the new year brings.

The rand's depreciation has a significant effect on our economy, unemployment is predicted to increase, and we have a lot more work to do if we are to achieve our job-creation goals.

But these challenges also bring new opportunities. The Jobs Fund and its partners are well positioned to stimulate job creation and improve the lives of many unemployed South Africans. Let's work together to reach, and even exceed, our targets.

The Jobs Fund team is ready for the challenge. I urge all our partners to work together with their project managers to continue to innovate and accelerate their creation of new jobs.

The 6th call for proposals closes on 1 February 2016 and we are looking forward to adding many innovative projects to our portfolio. Please note the important dates listed in the newsletter.

Thank you to all our partners for reporting conscientiously and for accommodating us during last year's site visits. I encourage you all to continue sharing your stories with us.

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ENCOURAGING GROWTH IN LATEST RESULTS

The Jobs Fund has a portfolio of **107 approved projects** with a total allocation of **R5.6 billion in grant funds**. These projects will potentially leverage an additional **R8 billion** from our partners to create a portfolio of **147 085 jobs**.

Implemented projects have already created **60 675 new permanent jobs** and placed an additional **30 353** people in vacant positions. To date, these projects have created **16 124 short-term jobs** and trained **128 196** people.



IMPORTANT DATES

1 February 2016:

Close of applications for 6th call for proposals

17 February 2016:

State of the Nation Address

24 February 2016: Budget Speech

7 April 2016: Quarterly reporting

7 July 2016: Quarterly reporting

7 October 2016: Quarterly reporting

"THE JOBS FUND TEAM IS READY FOR THE CHALLENGE."

EXTRACT FROM THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S 2015 PUBLICATION:

Leveraging Entrepreneurial Ambition and Innovation: A Global Perspective on Entrepreneurship, Competitiveness and Development

It is widely believed that entrepreneurial activity is a critical component to a prosperous society in that entrepreneurs create jobs, drive progress and contribute to economic growth. Consequently, many governments and their policymakers aim to increase the number of entrepreneurs in their countries and aid their development. But providing this support is no easy task, as entrepreneurs are not homogenous even within a country, and, in fact, often appear in different guises depending on the country in which they are located.

This report examines the concept of entrepreneurship by separating it into three dimensions: 1) early-stage entrepreneurial activity; 2) growth-oriented, or ambitious, entrepreneurship; and 3) innovation-based entrepreneurship. By examining entrepreneurship in such a manner, the study described in this report peers beneath the surface of entrepreneurial activity to develop a useful framework for policymakers to understand and promote the development of entrepreneurs that ultimately benefit societies, and, importantly, the unique societies in which they operate.

Regarding the latter, designing entrepreneurship policy will often vary by country. Accordingly, this study will show that entrepreneurship is highly contextual to a unique economy and requires deep understanding of contextual effects for policymakers to achieve intended outcomes.

The report builds on, and advances, prior work of academics, organizations and their programs, such as Endeavor, the Global Entrepreneurship Program of the U.S. State Department, as well as the Forum's previous work in partnership with EY and Endeavor on high-impact entrepreneurs and their trajectories.

To see the full report, visit http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEFUSA_EntrepreneurialInnovation_Report.pdf

PRINCE HARRY VISITS THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE

His Royal Highness Prince Harry visited the Southern African Wildlife College during his recent royal tour of South Africa. Following his visit to the Kruger National Park on 2 December 2015, he met with students at the college's field ranger training base and graduates of the wildlife area management training programme.

Prince Harry spoke about his love for Africa and his concern for its wildlife. He called the battle against poaching a test for all humanity that we cannot afford to fail.

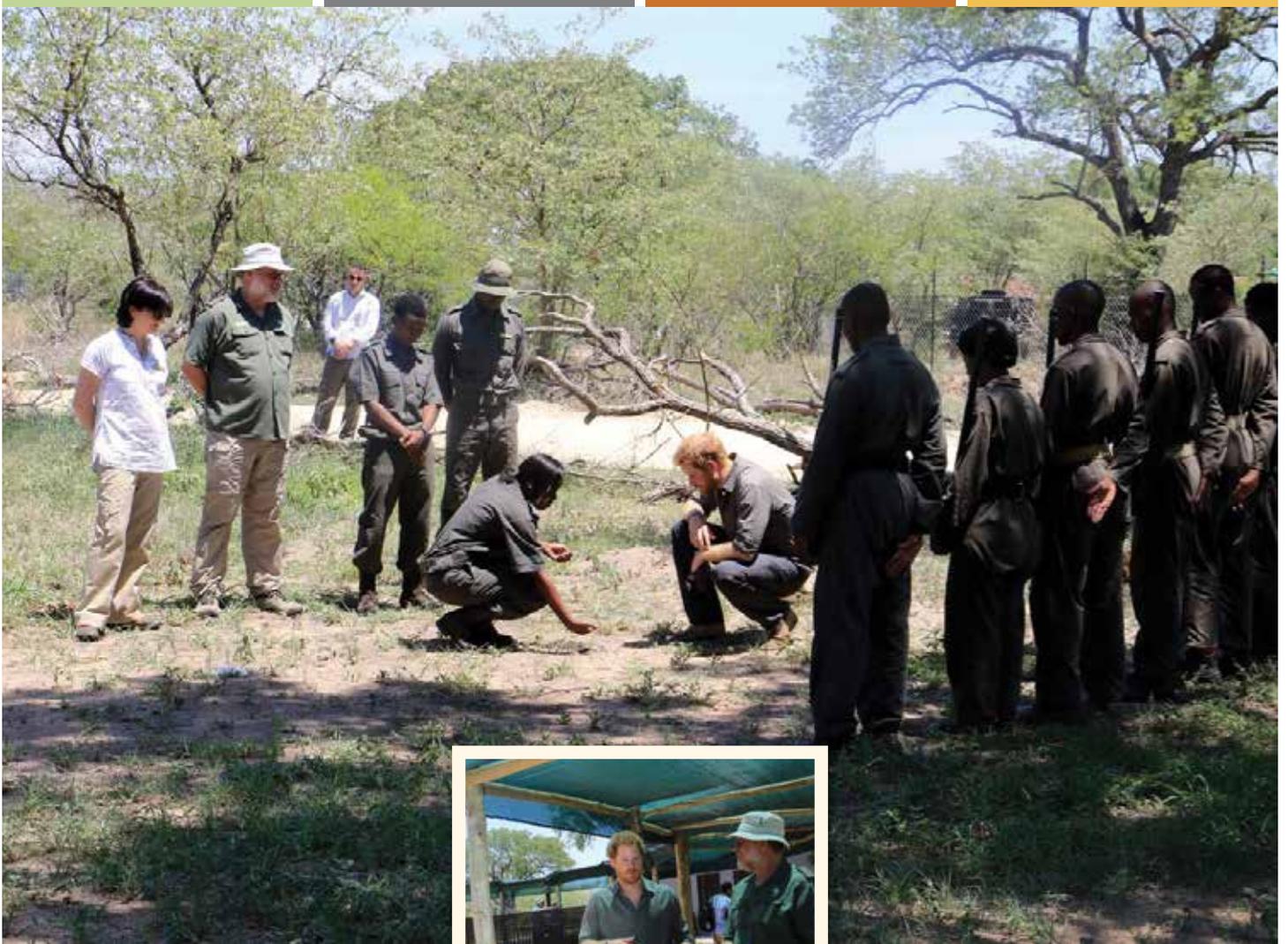
"There is no pretending that this will be easy," he said. "But when we win this battle, the victory will belong to those of you on the frontline."

Prince Harry also announced that United for Wildlife will support the college.

United for Wildlife was created by The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry. The campaign unites the world's leading wildlife charities to create a global movement for change.

"I am delighted to announce today that United for Wildlife will work with, and fund, the Southern African





Wildlife College so that its graduates are equipped with the best techniques and technologies available to protect some of the world's most endangered species," said Prince Harry.

The collaboration will provide significant funding to help train wildlife area managers and field rangers protecting Southern Africa's endangered species. It will also support the Community-Based Natural Resource Management Unit.

"The college has, with the support of various partners including the Jobs Fund, increased its field ranger training capability. This training unit now provides field ranger training and specialist anti-poaching skills training, which is further supported by aerial patrols and ground-to-air patrol training, as well as a new canine anti-poaching training capability. The college is extremely proud to have been selected as a partner by United for Wildlife in the fight against poaching and the illegal wildlife trade.

"In addition, the funding provided will support other training initiatives across the region, including the implementation of SMART (Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tools), a youth access programme and the involvement of local communities via our Community-Based Natural Resource Management programmes," said the college's CEO, Theresa Sowry.

"I AM DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT UNITED FOR WILDLIFE WILL WORK WITH, AND FUND, THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE SO THAT ITS GRADUATES ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE BEST TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TO PROTECT SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES."



STAFF PROFILE

Xavier Abel Edziwa

Where are you from?

I am from Zimbabwe.

What did you study?

I have a Bachelor of Business Studies (Honours) degree from the University of Zimbabwe, and two degrees from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada: a Master's degree in Business Administration (majoring in investment analysis and portfolio management) and a Master's degree in Development Economics (coursework only).

Where have you lived?

I have lived in Zimbabwe, Canada, Nigeria and South Africa.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy playing golf and social soccer. I also watch soccer. My favourite teams are Arsenal and Mamelodi Sundowns.

What is your role at the Jobs Fund?

I am the Project Director.

Which part of your job do you like most?

I enjoy contributing to job creation.



TONGAAT HULETT SUGARCANE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

On 27 November 2015, Inkosi Biyela and members of the Ndlangubo Traditional Council community gathered at the Mngampondo Cooperative Irrigation Scheme in Empangeni to celebrate the launch of the Sugarcane Development Initiative. They were joined by the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Michael Mabuyakhulu; the CEO of Tongaat Hulett, Peter Staude; the Head of the Jobs Fund, Najwah Allie-Edries, and several other dignitaries.

This four-year project seeks to establish 12 000 hectares of sugarcane in the communal areas along KwaZulu-Natal's north coast and Zululand, creating about 2 850 direct agricultural jobs.

By 30 September 2015, the project had established 2 679 hectares; formed 27 agricultural cooperatives across 13 traditional councils; registered more than 2 750 primary member beneficiaries and created 625 permanent direct agricultural jobs. The Jobs Fund has paid R50 million of the total R150 million allocation to the Sugarcane Development Initiative and Tongaat Hulett has contributed R68.75 million.

"The Sugarcane Development Initiative reflects Tongaat Hulett's commitment to the future of the South African sugar industry through the comprehensive training and development of small-scale sugarcane growers, with the goals of creating independent, viable and sustainable SMMEs and increasing cane supplies to our mills. We believe that the small-scale grower community has a key role to play in the future success of the South African sugar industry and the agricultural sector of KZN, and we will continue to look for further opportunities to partner with government in supporting and growing this important stakeholder," said Tongaat Hulett's Peter Staude.

Najwah Allie-Edries said that the project "is an example of effective collaboration between community leaders, the private sector and government, which is essential to achieving real transformation in communities. The Jobs Fund is extremely proud to be part of this initiative and we hope that this model will serve as an example to other projects in our portfolio of how sustainable jobs can be created".

