

NOTES FOR WAN CONFERENCE – CAPE TOWN 4th JUNE 2007

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SOUTH AFRICA AT A STATISTICAL GLANCE

SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

1. Almost 90% adult literacy
2. 13th Lowest life expectancy in the world
3. 10th Highest death rate
4. 6th Highest HIV Aids (15.6 million)
5. 20th Lower in quality of life
6. 3rd in the number of hours spent per week listening to the radio (\pm 15 hours)
7. 37.8% of the population between 15 and 34 years old
8. Of the 46.6 million population 36.9 million are black according to old race classification; 4.4 million white; 4.1 million Coloureds; 1.2 million Asians
9. Of the 46.6 million South Africans, 26.2 million lives in urban areas (i.e. more than 50%)
10. 48.9 of our immigrants are from Africa (at least 20 countries in the world have a higher refugee problem), 25.1% from Europe
11. Almost 55% of Blacks lives below the poverty line; less than 1% of Whites.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICS

1. In the last year, the black middle class increased by 30% to 2.6 million and are responsible for 54% of the purchasing power of the whole black population (R7000 per month is the criterion).
2. South Africa has the 30th biggest economy in the world. It is the 10th largest producer of Lead; 9th of Nickel; 9th of Alluminium; 1st in Gold; 4th Platinum; 2nd in Palladium; 8th in Raw Wool; 5th in Coal

- 3. **Has the third highest rate of unemployment. Is 37th in global competitiveness**
 - 4. **Is 34th in Expenditure on Research and development**
 - 5. **Is 24th in the most car accidents and 23rd in number of people killed in such accidents**
 - 6. **Has the 10th largest railway networks and is 21st in most air travel with 25th highest in most tourist arrivals**
- (N.B. All statistics gathered from South Africa 2005 – 2006 Editors Inc., P O Box 54633, Greenside 2034 South Africa and Pocket: World in Figures. The Economist (2006 Edition).**

SOME MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING SOUTH AFRICA

- 1. **How to Prevent Consensual Stability from drifting into Anarchy**
- 2. **How to Undermine the Consequences of a Redemptive Ideology and focus in Efficient Delivery**
- 3. **How to avoid confusing legitimacy with competence**
- 4. **How to avoid confusing Intelligence with Authority**
- 5. **How to develop and transfer skills imaginatively, combat Aids and cope with VOC's.**