



Positioning Johannesburg for Growth and Opportunity

#Executive Mayor

Dear Residents of Johannesburg,

As the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, I am proud to reaffirm our city's pivotal role in shaping South Africa's economic trajectory. Recent national and provincial announcements have underscored Johannesburg's status as the country's foremost financial and investment hub.

I welcome the major initiatives outlined to strengthen infrastructure, drive economic growth, and expand opportunities for all our residents. Both the State of the Nation Address and the State of the Province Address have highlighted transformative investments and critical reforms that will shape Johannesburg's future development.

It is encouraging to note the positive shift in our national economic outlook. Improved fiscal stability, declining inflation, and rising investor confidence are poised to stimulate sustained economic activity and attract further investment into Johannesburg. As the home of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and the centre of South Africa's financial sector, our city is uniquely positioned to capitalise on these developments and continue serving as a gateway for investment into the African continent.



Infrastructure development remains central to sustaining Johannesburg's growth. The R760 million Midrand bulk water storage facility is a vital investment that will bolster water security and support the residential and industrial expansion of our city. A reliable water supply is not just essential for economic activity, but also for the health, dignity, and well-being of our communities. This investment marks a significant step forward in addressing our long-term infrastructure needs.

The province has also confirmed that R73 billion worth of infrastructure projects are transitioning from planning to implementation, signalling renewed focus on delivery and accountability. These projects will drive job creation, enhance service delivery, and boost economic competitiveness across the Gauteng region.

Johannesburg is also cementing its reputation as a leading centre for digital innovation. The R5.4 billion investment in the Microsoft data centre will expand our digital infrastructure and support the growth of cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and technology-driven businesses. The concurrent expansion of the Gauteng Provincial Network will further improve digital connectivity in schools, libraries, clinics, and other public facilities, helping to ensure equitable access to opportunities in the digital economy.

Sustainability remains a core priority for Johannesburg. Our R7 billion waste-to-energy partnership with the Netherlands will transform waste management into a vital source of renewable energy, driving environmental sustainability and creating new green jobs.

Urban renewal initiatives are progressing with the revitalisation of 18 government-owned buildings across Gauteng. These efforts will convert underutilised assets into functional spaces that enhance delivery service, stimulate economic activity, and provide new housing opportunities. All these crucial initiatives signal renewed commitment to building a resilient and globally competitive Johannesburg.

However, our foremost priority is to ensure that economic growth delivers tangible and lasting improvements in the lives of all our residents.

As the City of Johannesburg, we remain committed to working collaboratively with national and provincial government, the private sector, and our communities to ensure the effective implementation of these investments and the delivery of real benefits to our people.

Until next time,

Johannesburg Executive Mayor Councillor Sello Dada Morero

