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SHIFT (Rhulani Baloyi & Bongani Zindela) (Sitsonga, Zulu and English)

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Rhulani Baloyi (Presenter): We welcome you to today's program Shift, today is Wednesday and let me start by greeting you, hello to my colleague, how are you?

Bongani Zindela (Presenter): I am fine, you are so beautiful this nowadays because you are wearing different kinds of clothes that are so very beautiful, keep it up.

Rhulani Baloyi: Thank you.

Bongani Zindela: I am taking notes from you, you see now I have also started wearing jackets.

Rhulani Baloyi: You are doing fine.

Bongani Zindela: Thank you viewers, let me start by welcoming you to our show today, today is Wednesday, the weather is changing all the time and this means this is start of Winter, so that when they are talking about global warming, you will try to make sure what they mean because it is affecting all of us, even the politics of our country has been affected by global warming lately.

Rhulani Baloyi: As you are speaking about politics, President Jacob Zuma has announced his cabinet on Sunday and one very important thing, which the National Association for the Blind has done today, was to acknowledge the appointment of the visually impaired cabinet deputy minister. Do you remember that Sister Henrietta Kgotane Zulu, she came to Shift last time?

Bongani Zindela: Yes.

Rhulani Baloyi: Now she is the deputy minister of public works, this means our government says people with disabilities also they must come forward and help build our country.

Bongani Zindela: That is beautiful. You mean our present government?

Rhulani Baloyi: Our present government.

Bongani Zindela: Let's leave the political issues and say viewers as we meet again today, we are talking about an important issue, we are talking about where our government is going and you also can call us so that we can share our ideas, because we have recently seen people fighting each other.

Rhulani Baloyi: There you go viewers, the issue that we are talking about is that we want to know the future of our country after the free and fair elections that were held in South Africa. We know the people who are controlling the government, we know the people that are working with them and we also know the people who have to build our country. The question that we have is that as we go from here, where are we going, our future? Viewers you can also call us on 083 913 3720 or SMS us to 33720. Let's talk about the future of South Africa.

Bongani Zindela: OK, let's continue with that issue, my colleague you will remember a song that happened in Venda, the late Miriam Makeba song the song, it says "He le kiyahamba ki ye Zulu", but some people can sing that song today, we are not hear to talk about that. Let's start by telling you about our guests for today before we start with our topic, which is very, very important. You know the lines are open, you can call us any time. Let's start with Sandy Smith who is our numerologist, hallo, you are here and you still gonna be here, that is our prediction.

Guest: Sandy Smith (Numerologist): Hello.

Bongani Zindela: And also welcome Sabelo Ndlangisa who is a political writer

Guest: Sabelo Ndlangisa (Political Writer – City Press): Hello, I am happy to be here.

Bongani Zindela: And Kallie Kriel.

Kallie Kriel (Dinokeng Scenarios): Thank you.

Bongani Zindela: And also welcome Moemedi Kepadisa.

Moemedi Kepadisa (Dinokeng Scenarios): Thank you.

Bongani Zindela: We thank you, all of us. I want to start with our political writer from City Press, we are aware that it is a paper which is distinctively African. I want us to check something before we continue because I know we are talking about the current government that we have, we know there have been some incidents were there were arguments that we didn't expect after the votes, because before that votes there were lots of people campaigning to get support, tell me, what kind of picture is there now in our democracy, because we know the premier of the Western Cape is from another party?

Sabelo Ndlangisa (Political Writer – City Press): What I can say is that arguments are things that we can't avoid in politics, this happened from time to time, but I don't think it is a good thing of starting the new government that Western Cape Premier Helen Zille started insulting ANC president and president of the country and in such a way that she is now fighting against the ANC and its aligned partners. I believe that at some point, they are going to realize that it is important that they put lots of people forward and they will sit down as older people and show each other, discuss and give each other advice and stop fighting and also stop insulting each other which is something that is completely undignified.

Rhulani Baloyi: Kallie, when we talk about the concept of Dinokeng, some people don't know the word Dinokeng means. Talk to us about the concept, what is it and what it aims to achieve.

Kallie Kriel (Dinokeng Scenarios): Yes, I can say the name 'At the Rivers' came because of the place we met, was called Dinokeng.

Rhulani Baloyi: Oh! Meeting at the River [singing]

Kallie Kriel (Dinokeng Scenarios): Yes, a very nice venue and we actually have over the last thirteen months we had in-depth discussions and for me what was refreshing when I was initially invited I looked at this thirty five names of the people that are going to be present and it's people from all over the spectrum, we had variety of views, but what was refreshing when we met through these weekends, it actually shows up that everybody, despite the differences that they have, at one common goal in that it was we should find solutions in order to take the country forward and not to make mistakes that will be detrimental to everybody in the country.

Bongani Zindela: Okay, very, very nice sounding and we were talking with the producer the other day that was said after hearing Dr Mabu Mamphela Ramphele here saying other people are still saying no, these people are just talking in English, okay, [Ndabezitha], what are we going to do, that everything started at the River where we know that rain is pouring in to bring luck, what are we going to do to ensure that people who are from rural areas, because I have heard that rape programs as well must also include people in rural areas, people in rural areas, what can they do to understand this, and start to feel that they are also have that role to play in building South Africa?

Moemedi Kepadisa (Dinokeng Scenarios): Well, let me say Dinokeng doesn't have a program as such, what Dinokeng is all about is to generate discussion, like to talk to each other, to talk to each other about where can we take our country and in that sense I think we have all agreed upon is that different people in South Africa as a whole, some are coming from the unions, they are very powerful, their voice must be heard, some are coming from the business sector, they are equally powerful and their voice must be heard. On the other side we have government and on the other side we have public members and they also have their own needs, so what Dinokeng is trying to do is that, all different parts of the public is that, if they meet and hold discussion and agree that the first challenges that we are facing as South Africa are these and then to begin to prioritize those challenges, can we begin then to agree on the things that need to be done so that we arrive at this future prosperous and then respond to the aspirations of the Greater South African nation.

Rhulani Baloyi: Sandy we have seen the elections, 22nd of the 4th 2009, we have seen the inaugurations on the 9th of May 2009 and possibly let's start with the big one, the 12th of April 1942, the birth of our current president Jacob Zuma, what does this mean? What does this mean?

Sandy Smith (Numerologist): Okay, well, basically he is a defined man, he doesn't like to be told what to do, he does have some boundaries, I think there is a lot about him that we still have actually to discover. I was actually impressed on his inauguration, how he included former president Thabo Mbeki and it seems to be quite smooth and quite engaging and I think that is going to be one of the things that he carries forward and he is engaging and take a leaf out of Obama in the sense of his book of how to invite, active in how to bring people and bring people to him. He could actually become very good for South Africa. I heard that one of his passions is education, which is actually one of his weaknesses, so when it is weakness we turn it into our gains, I think it is going to be something that is very important, he is not having an easy time ahead him, he has got this year until his birthday next year, is about structures and boundaries and defining things and then unfortunately goes into really, really all for a year. The unfortunate thing is that recession for South Africa which only really kicks into gear from October of next year and I am not talking about what is happening now, which is the effect of overseas and companies that are dealing with foreign and companies have foreign offices and everything and currencies and that kind of things, but our country's recession starts October 2010, it is still in much 2011 and it will run for two and half years. Now the interesting thing with what we do because every person plays in the country or even on the street has a nine year cycle and the cycle of the word recession that we will have from 2010, the cycle actually differs in three years period, we do commercial developments, well in America, Bush never did that, so that is actually eighteen years behind and Obama now has brought back developments, he wants to do commercially and he wants to fix bridges, fix the roads and do all kinds of things and hopefully that will remain that there is still the cycle that we go through. Property will not be good, I think there will be a nice bubble until October next year and I think it could be a false bubble and I think the commercial development will be one of the key players for two and half years.

Bongani Zindela: What are we going to see the masses pushing in for the second term? I don't know, because we don't know who has been groomed, we're going to talk about it, I am not sure ...

Sandy Smith (Numerologist): I have got some numbers here.

Presenter: Let's just take a viewer, Skhokho from Spruitview, hello.

Skhokho from Spruitview: Yes, thank you to hear you speaking about things like that, Skhokho wants to talk about this, let's go back to 1994 or before 1994.

Bongani Zindela: Skhokho can you speak louder please.

Skhokho from Spruitview: Okay, our country here in South Africa, I think is improving. Before 1994, we are going to look back where we came from until today, let me talk about the issue of Helen Zille, we were supposed to wait for that, because the opposition party, it will always have some comments every time, it will comment every time to a person who is a leader, but that time of comments must end, they must stop doing that and focus on improving our country and start from the scratch with the opposition party and focus on developing our country and check the places where there is poverty and sit down and check how to develop the country. They must have that opposition because it has to comment and speak about the want it wants because that is the opposition and it has to focus on the person who is a leader, but the problem with Helen Zille is that she has some insults when she comments, that is my vision thank you.

Bongani Zindela: Skhokho the way you spoke you are {Skhokho} {Zulu Term meaning tough person} serious, thank you very much.

Viewer: I am happy for these elections, because Mr Zuma is the one who won.

Viewer: The elections ran smoothly, because Zuma is the one who won.

Viewer: I voted because I want some changes in our country.

Viewer: I didn't vote because there was some problems that have disrupted me, but the elections ran smoothly, I didn't see any problem.

Viewer: There was nothing wrong, the elections ran smoothly, they were peaceful.

Viewer: The elections ran very smoothly because we didn't experienced any violence in all the area that we live.

Bongani Zindela: Let's welcome you again, you know my sister as we speak right now here, when we are with Gospel singer Rebecca Malope, she will tell you Dr Rebecca and there are people who are still saying 'Zuma' and it is 'President Zuma'.

Rhulani Baloyi: No, don't take that personally, it is nothing personal, people will be used to it, they will take things as they come and go, okay anyway, let's go to our lines. Let's say hello to Pamela from Meadowlands, we welcome you to Shift.

Pamela from Meadowlands: Thank you very much, I greet you at the studio. The thing that made me angry is the issue of Helen Zille, this thing that she is going to sit in parliament with that attitude, Helen Zille has got bad attitude, if she can't respect the president of the people, who she will respect? She thinks she is a president in Cape Town, she is not a president Helen Zille, she must understand. I want to understand very well that how is she going to lead the parliament, how is she going to be with other people in parliament with that bad attitude, because she has a bad attitude, Helen Zille.

Rhulani Baloyi: OK thank you Sis Pamela about your comment, now let's go back to Dinokeng. What are the three things that are going to be important, which are going to take us to 2020? We are talking about the three things that are important for South Africa in the near future, Kallie what are we talking about?

Kallie Kriel (Dinokeng Scenarios): Well, I think there are a number of issues that rest I think specifically, the whole issue of education, I think if we want to break out of the poverty cycle, education is to be one of our top priorities and I think poverty as part of our education project, HIVAIDS will unfortunately still be a problem which needs more

focus as well as the issue of crime, these are some of the issues I think need to be addressed, especially going ahead.

Bongani Zindela: I think people didn't understand the previous caller, but sometimes we have to listen to that, she was basically asking how is the premier of the Western Cape Helen Zille going to sit in parliament because she is so rude, she is disrespectful, that is what she was saying, me Bongani I am not saying that and that she was asking for and she was saying there is only one president and there can never be the president of the Western Cape. Anyway we are not a federal state here, so that is another story. I am going to take a call right now, let's go to Daveyton and listen to Nkosiyakhe, hello.

Nkosiyakhe from Daveyton: Thank you, I think the issue of fighting in parliament will be there as always and there is nothing we can do, but the truth is that there must be respect, you know in ANC there are people who are people who are ignoring other people who have fought for people's rights, let me talk about here in Daveyton, there is a construction site that is under Dan, this guy is abusing workers and I don't know this people are coming from Mozambique or where, he is using the name of the ANC by saying ANC has fought for democracy and he can do what he wants with the poor people, black people, people who are older than our mothers and fathers.

Bongani Zindela: Why is this person doing that in Daveyton?

Nkosiyakhe from Daveyton: He does that because he said he fought for the democracy, I don't know to fight for democracy meaning you have to abuse people, this person is managing a construction company, the construction company is under the municipality, it has to clean Daveyton. It is abusing workers by not paying them and when people went to him demanding money he said no one will get money, he said he fought for democracy, that is bad because he is fighting with other people by using ANC.

Bongani Zindela: Thank you very much, let's end it right there, thank you, he is basically talking about black diamonds that have become slave drivers.

Sandy Smith (Numerologist): Okay, can I say something on Helen Zille and the DA, manipulative and abusive is how I will describe her. Unfortunately she has probably used

her position very high on top of her and the DA has got a year and half of internal mismanagement and whatever is going on there, I think she is talking too much and people should start looking at what she is not doing and what is actually going on inside her party that there is actually problems there, definitely, without a doubt.

Presenter: I think this make sense because the other parties have said they are going to make the Western Cape ungovernable.

Sandy Smith (Numerologist): I think that, her internal party, there is power gains and mismanagement going on there and I thinking she has been shouting too much outside to the other parties and she actually feels rather shouting out than what she does for her people, what she does for her area, we never heard anything, she will always be criticizing what other people are not doing, but I never heard what she is up to.

Bongani Zindela: So this is like lady bark, lady bark, come home?

Rhulani Baloyi: So let's go back to our lines, Sandy let's just hold it there, let's go to our lines and say hallo, I don't know your name but you are from Pietermaritzburg, welcome to Shift.

Nontsikelelo from Pietermaritzburg: Okay, thank you, I think the fighting is there, but I think now it is worse in parliament, I think the best way is they must sort out their differences, because this thing that made them fight in parliament it made people down there to fight each other more, they are fighting each other using words, but people down there are using other way to fight, they must sit down and solve their differences, because this is a bad picture, this is not right, this is what I can understand, this is our president and this is her president.

Rhulani Baloyi: Thank you Mrs, I think we are running out of time, what we are talking about today is that we are talking about the future of South Africa, that you as a viewer what do you think, we went to the polls and now we are ready to take our country forward, we are going to the shops, we will be back after this.

Viewer: I am happy that Zuma has won the elections so that he can build us better stadiums and also fix the roads because this is damaging the tyres and build houses in order to eradicate shacks and build toilets and also give children enough grants.

Viewer: Before building houses he must fix the roads first, the roads are in bad shape.

Viewer: Zuma must bring back our land because we are suffering, he must bring us back to our lives.

Viewer: I think the best way is to support our leaders.

Viewer: I think we must have Malls and the government must create jobs.

Rhulani Baloyi: We welcome you to SHIFT, today we are speaking about the future of South Africa. We went to the polls and now we are ready to take our country forward, you can phone us and tell us what needs to be done to take our country forward, you can call this number 083 913 3720 or SMS us on 33720. Let's welcome another guest who has just arrived, Mabule Mokhine, we welcome you to our program.

Mabule Mokhine: Thank you.

Presenter: I have a question I think all of us we can take a discussion, we have seen some of our callers are concentrating on the political wrangles between different political parties for what ever reasons or the other, the issue is that the parties wanted to be voted for and they wanted to deal with bread and butter, when are the parties or government going to start prioritizing issues that really matters to people on the ground? Maybe we can start with you Moemedi, let's talk about issues that are concerning people of this country and not what other politician has said this and that to other person.

Moemedi Kepadisa (Dinokeng Scenarios): Well, we are coming from the elections, because the elections have come and gone, we must go on with the task of ruling the public and to build our land, and I think at Dinokeng where we were generating this scenario, we were saying that the leadership and the responsibilities of the leadership are very important, so our leadership, the way it is behaving, the way it is treating

people, the way it is working, those are important things, the point that has been raised that relationship between the leaders of different political parties and also that, if they have differences they must sit down and solve the problems, it is a central message of Dinokeng, you know what the government and the public, because here in Dinokeng we know that it is not only the government that has supposed to work, that is the relations between the government and the unions, employers organizations and civil society or the public to work together to ensure that our public is benefiting, one of those things is the agreement that we have with so that our education in South Africa is in poor condition, other agreement that we have is that levels of unemployment, if they continue to be like that, we will never build a prosperous country and a stable nation. So those things, we must all of join hands together, create means and ways of attending to them so that all South Africans feels that whatever we are doing as government, as civil society, as business and as trade unions is for the common good.

Bongani Zindela: I would like to hear comments from Kallie Kriel about working together and doing everything together.

Kallie Kriel (Dinokeng Scenarios): Yes my personal view is that you get cooperation, time of election is not necessary every time because we should have debate in the country and not have political infighting where there is an insults and I think that now because the elections have passed, I think there should be a debate on how to take the country forward and I think the three scenarios that was put on the table by Dinokeng, I think the common view is that, we are the crossroads and we have to take decisions that will influence the future, the one route that is not engage civil society and you have declining state capacity. The other idea is that if the state intervenes more and more, but if you have a state that is not strong in the lack of capacity that won't help, what we have to believe, the true way to go is to get all role players in the country to be involve and have social compact between government, civil society and other groups and that corporation is going to take us further and not political mudslinging.

Bongani Zindela: Let's hold it right there and take other viewer.

Rhulani Baloyi: Mabule, maybe politicians have forgotten about what we as South Africans have voted them to do, as we have seen those fightings, do you think they are already forgotten or what do you think?

Mabule Mokhine (Dinokeng Scenarios): I think it is important for the politicians for a set up vision or the future of South Africa and speak to other parts of the South Africans and I think the other thing that is very important is that, normally and I think a number of democracies, they took advice from the United States democracy where the first hundred days of an incoming leadership of the government, it was the time that leadership it suppose to set its systems to collaborate its intentions and we know that there has been a lot of changes with the incoming leadership and one of the things that are crucial is coordination of state departments with the different ministries given the structural changes that have happened and those should happen in term where there is a common vision, a common purpose that must be communicated to South Africans and I think what is important with a communication, a common vision and a common purpose is that South Africans, labour, civil society in large, the business must be committed to that common vision and common purpose that practically, business especially is got a very important role to play, it is must be seen to be playing its part in social development in as much as it profit making. In the same way, community based organizations, NGOs, faith based communities should also be very proactive in creating opportunities where they are instead of waiting for government to deliver, so there should be collaboration in the government, the state and the people in the ground including the civil society as well as business.

Bongani Zindela: This means we should close the gap between the franchised and those who are rich right now, we must ensure that those businesses are not continuing to benefit alone, all people must make sure that he or she doesn't eat alone, when there is a chance of getting something, everybody is benefiting, just to close that gap. We will continue talking about that, let's take a viewer, Mampane from Matrass, hello.

Mampane from Matrass: I want to comment about the issue of Helen Zille, Zille is teaching us black people that we are black people, because people have gone out to vote for her, now we are not sure if she will provide those people with services especially in locations, because those people she has appointed in her cabinet, are the people who

are rich, people who have voted for her are living in locations and facing poverty, what are you going to do to help those people? Because the way she is doing, she wants to create this black against whites, and that is the bad thing because this a democratic country, so what she is doing is to show black people, those who have wasted their votes to go and waste them to come back, thank you.

Bongani Zindela: Okay, thank you very much Mampane.

Rhulani Baloyi: Asanda in Johannesburg, we welcome you at SHIFT.

Asanda from Johannesburg: I want to say that the future of South Africa can be bright, if parties can work together, because if their purpose like their goal is the same is to meet the people's needs then fight aside, because I don't know why they are fighting as for Helen Zille, Helen I don't want to criticize her, she was wrong the way she put it, what she was saying is teaching everyone that if you are having sex with lots of people you put other people at risk, what she was saying was right, but the way she put it was not right.

Rhulani Baloyi: Thank you Sis Asanda to call us.

Bongani Zindela: These questions and comments, a political writer from City Press will answer those questions after the break.

Sabelo Ndlangisa (Political Writer – City Press): Well, I can see that the speech by Helen Zille has made lots of people angry, there I am thinking that as I said earlier that you cannot avoid attention in politics, people will have to admit that these things will happen from time to time, but I hope our politicians will behave like true leaders, like true adults, you know and learn from their mistakes and learn to engage each other with dignity. I don't think her intention was to divide white people and black people. The other thing that we must remember is that during the election period, there was lots of arguing, so we must remember that there are those who are still angry, I am just thinking, I hope this chapter of her fighting with President Zuma will pass.

Presenter: But you Sabelo, as journalist, we know that SABC, I mean ANC has put five priorities where Kallie has spoken about three of them, which the ANC will prioritize them, as we know President Zuma has announced his cabinet, do you think they are ready to sit at a desk and start with their jobs?

Sabelo Ndlangisa (Political Writer – City Press): I think so, when we check the speech by President Zuma on Sunday when he announced his cabinet he said he wants to combine a team that will deliver on the mandate for the manifesto, a mandate that has made him president, I believe that when you check the cabinet, most of those people are the people who were mostly served in various positions, some were served in provinces, some were there during the former administration and they came back and I believe if you check on the skills, that is good.

Bongani Zindela: There is this reconciliation, now we must continue with it because there were fightings before elections and right now we must say calm down people and put it down everything, because as I said, there were fightings before the elections, where there were people who were called boy, racist girl, all those things, all those things must come to an end and start working together. What did you say?

Presenter: I wanted to ask Sandy about the five ANC Priorities that it served during the election, Sandy which one do you think is going to be the most challenging one, education, job creation, health, crime and rural development and poverty alleviation, which one do you think is going to be the most challenging one amongst those five?

Sandy Smith (Numerologist): I think the most challenging one is going to be job creation because of the recession and the effects of that and it is not going to get any better, that is definitely going to be one of the difficult challenges, especially when you start looking at matriculants leaving school and people leaving our colleges and universities, where are they going? You know that is going to be really, really tough. But on the other hand, we do have free enterprise as young South Africa and we have had that since 1988 and I think that a lot of what is required here in South Africa is that each of one of us as individuals, if we want to build ourselves, we can also build our country and we can actually get into our own businesses by working together, but I do believe that the

people on the ground, to stop knocking on other people's doors and start knocking on their representatives' doors like going to the ministers and start knocking on the door.

Bongani Zindela: Let's hold it right there, I am going to talk to Philemon especially when we are talking about health side of life cause we understand right now through our research, statistics are showing that there is only one nurse to treat two hundred and thirteen South Africans and most of the nurses we have are over fifty, so they cannot run, okay, Philemon from Witbank, hello.

Philemon from Witbank: I want to talk about the issue of Helen Zille, if you can check about when she is speaking about Jacob Zuma, she is insulting black people's culture, because we as black people we can marry more than three wives, she bringing us back to those years, no matter Jacob Zuma is got three wives or what, that is his culture, because we have won the elections, she was supposed to work with Jacob Zuma.

Rhulani Baloyi: We are still talking about the future of South Africa, we will meet after the break.

Rhulani Baloyi: We welcome you on SHIFT, Kallie, Bongani had a question for you.

Kallie Kriel (Dinokeng Scenarios): Yes I think all these challenges are in the sense that all them should be a great priority, but I can just state one, if you can look at these problems that we have in terms of crime and joblessness, they are all in the leads, but I think education if you want to get out of this spiral, my view is that education should be a top priority, we have too many schools in the country that are dysfunctional and they are producing people without the necessary skills and that will further enhance joblessness, decline in the health system and in all of those areas , so I would hope that government takes on education as the highest priority. But of course as civil society and in line with our Dinokeng message, I don't think we should sit back and say government should tackle education, crime and all these issues. I think if millions of people start doing things even on a small scale, together they will make a big difference, get involve in your childrens' schools, play a role to make sure that the education that is given there is quality, make sure that the teachers are qualified.

Rhulani Baloyi: Kallie can we just hold it there, I think we have just less than two minutes left, Mabule your priority that you think it is important on our government, what is it?

Mabule Mokhine-Dinokeng Scenarios: I think the most important priority and I am agreeing with Kallie that these things must be combined, but the most important priority and it is two-fold, it is social development and if you look at social development, to me the first step will be to commit South Africans to start working together with government, so government has priorities, they have a coordinated plan to have things done and that is coordinating right from the government, it should be seen to happen so in the communities, people should take charge in an enabled environment to do things for themselves, so for me that is the most important challenge and that challenge will not be without tensions, because part of the tension that will come out of that is transformation. South Africa is still having very much work in terms of transformation, on education, I believe that education must also shift towards a valuable based education over and above skills development, we must have a valuable education.

Rhulani Baloyi: Thank you, Sandy you have ten seconds, future for South Africa?

Sandy Smith (Numerologist): I think we have everything that could take our country forward and we must take advantage of it.