

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION

Dear friends

The year 2015 has been a long and eventful one for the Foundation. I would go further and argue that it has been a momentous one.

For us it started with the Board of Trustees considering recommendations by McKinsey for organisational repositioning and restructuring, and it ended with the Board approving the development of a new resource mobilisation strategy. It started with preparation for innovative new projects like the Mandela Initiative on Poverty and Inequality, the Anti-Racism Network, and the Trek4Mandela ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro, and ended with us marking the second anniversary of Madiba's passing.

It started with eruptions of xenophobic violence in parts of our country, the rise of the "mustfall" movements, and ended with a national crisis around the political oversight of South Africa's economy. During the year much was done, and much was accomplished. But as we break for well-deserved end-of-year holidays, the overwhelming feeling is of a South Africa having experienced something in 2015 that will impact all of us, and the work of the Foundation, in fundamental ways.

In my view there has been a sea-change in South Africa's societal, political and other landscapes. This moment is at once full of opportunity and fraught with danger. In the [City Press of 13 December 2015](#) I offered a sustained reflection on this moment. Here let me make two points in relation to what South Africa needs in order to harness the opportunities and mitigate the dangers.

Firstly, too many of our institutions, across all sectors, have become dysfunctional or extractive, and too many state institutions have become compromised by political interference. Overwhelming evidence suggests that winning nations build their success on strong and inclusive institutions.

Secondly, failures of leadership at every societal level are undermining the energies of resilience and innovation that abound in South Africa. We need our schools to be led by dedicated principals. We need our hospitals to be led by inspiring superintendents. We need our corporates to be led by principled chief executives. We need our government departments to be led by men and women of integrity, and so on, from the lower reaches of our society to its heights.

If South Africa is to meet the massive challenge being posed to it by this historical moment, then we need good leadership and we need institutions that function optimally. The Nelson Mandela Foundation is already conceptualising programmes for 2016 and beyond which are geared to addressing these interlinked challenges. We look forward to working with our friends, partners, funders and other stakeholders next year as we tackle these and many other challenges.

Thank you to all who have supported us so faithfully in 2015. I wish you all a peaceful holiday period and many blessings in 2016.

Sello Hatang

PRINCE HARRY VISITS THE NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION AS MADIBA'S TRIBUTE MONTH BEGINS

During the final stop of his South African tour, Prince Harry met Graça Machel at the Nelson Mandela Foundation and delivered a moving address, as the world marks the second year since Madiba's passing.

His visit to the Foundation on 3 December 2015 also afforded an opportunity to tour its Centre of Memory and archives, and reflect on the legacy Madiba left the world.



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[Click here](#) for the full transcript of Prof Ndebele's keynote address.



MANDELA'S LIFE CELEBRATED THROUGH SONG AND DANCE IN 'LETTERS FROM MANDELA'

On 5 December 2013, the death of Nelson Mandela ushered in a period of international mourning, nowhere more than in his native South Africa. With the commemoration of his death two years later, however, tributes made in his name have increasingly focused on celebrating the life he led and the legacy he left behind.

One such tribute, performed at South Africa's historic Market Theatre on the anniversary itself, Saturday 5 December 2015, was Letters from Mandela, a performance piece of song and dance based on Mandela's personal letters during his time in prison on Robben Island.

Rather than educate the audience on the facts of Mandela's life – much of which is publically known – Letters from Mandela focused on the man behind the public figure: the father, the son, the comrade. It afforded an insight into the man that many did not know, glimpsed through intimate letters between him and his family, friends and colleagues. The resultant production emphasised his warmth, humility and humanity – his essential humanness.

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LATEST MADIBA DIALOGUE CONTEMPLATES A FUTURE SOUTH AFRICA

In the last of a series of events to commemorate the passing of Madiba, the Nelson Mandela Foundation facilitated a dialogue on 15 December about the future of South Africa.

The dialogue at the Nelson Mandela Foundation, titled Imagining Futures, saw three diverse young South Africans – CEO and businesswoman Trudi Makhaya, student activist and Wits SRC president Nompandolo Mkhathshwa,

and rapper and poet Tumi Molekane – engaging with the legacy of Madiba with an audience that included members of the Mandela family, ambassadors, high commissioners and representatives of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship programme, among others.

An exciting part of the evening, was the donation to the Foundation archives of more than 100 raw interviews conducted by Radio Diaries founder Joe Richman for the documentary Mandela: An Audio History.

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TOWARDS A NEW ERA OF NON-RACIALISM: THE LAUNCH OF THE ARNSA

Incidents of racism, both outright and institutional, are becoming more apparent globally and in South Africa. The ability to respond effectively to racism has become a priority for many, including those in civil society organisations.

Spearheaded by the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, a group of civil society and academic institutes convened the Anti-Racism Network of South Africa (ARNSA). On 14 November 2015, after months of consultation, the network was officially launched at Museum Africa in Newtown, Johannesburg. A broad base of civil society organisations collaborated to formalise ARNSA and discuss its development.

In his address, Sello Hatang, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, contextualised the importance of tackling racism. "Racism, in its varied forms, has arguably maintained the inequality which is fast becoming the defining challenge of our generation," he said.

A thought-provoking keynote address on non-racialism was delivered by Prof Achille Mbembe. He argued that the theory of non-racialism served as a powerful moral and political weapon against apartheid. It also became a figurative map to what would replace racial domination. This created an ideal to strive for and achieve.

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SAP AND THE NMF PARTNER TO MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY

Multinational software company SAP teamed up with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to give new life to the Ratang Bana children's home in Alexandra.

Ratang Bana (meaning "love the children" in Sotho) is a non-profit organisation that supports more than 45 young and vulnerable orphans and children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. Ratang Bana opened its doors to our team and SAP to give it a fresh lick of paint.



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BETWEEN STATES OF EMERGENCY EXHIBITION AT THE FOUNDATION CELEBRATES WORK OF APARTHEID

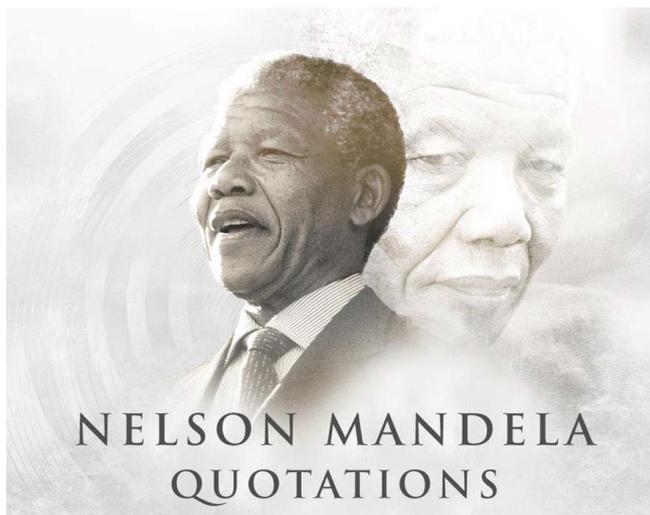
Painful and triumphant memories of South Africa's apartheid years hang on the walls of the Nelson Mandela Foundation in a new photographic exhibition titled, Between States of Emergency.

The exhibition, viewable by appointment, honours photographers who defied martial law to expose the brutality of apartheid during the two States of Emergency imposed in the 1980s, risking their lives and personal freedom to share the atrocities taking place here with the rest of the world.

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QUOTES APP IS INSPIRATION IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND



The Nelson Mandela Foundation has developed and launched the authorised Nelson Mandela Quotations app to bring Madiba's words to the palm of your hand.

The app is available in two formats: a free, lite version and a paid-for premium version. The lite version sends you a daily quote from the world's most inspirational moral leader.

The premium version grants subscribers access to a database of thousands of Mandela quotes – ranging from the value of children and importance of education through to reflections on forgiveness to condemnations of injustice and discrimination – in addition to getting the quote of the day. It also allows you to search for a quotation to suite any occasion. The premium version costs \$4.99 (R69.62 at current exchange rate).

Both versions are available on the Android and IOS platforms:

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