



The New Democratic South Africa

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Apartheid divided South Africa along racial lines and created injustices with innumerable permutations. Although Apartheid has been abolished and democratic elections held, deep inequalities still divide South Africa, and the South African government is working to overcome the problems.

The Ambassador of South Africa to the United States, Sheila Sisulu, looks to the future to discuss her government's agenda including:

- ◆ the strengthening of democracy;
- ◆ social needs of the South African population including improvements in health, education, and housing;
- ◆ economic growth domestically and internationally through trade, investment and regional integration; and
- ◆ South Africa's role as a new entrant in the international arena.

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