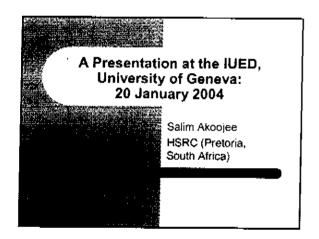
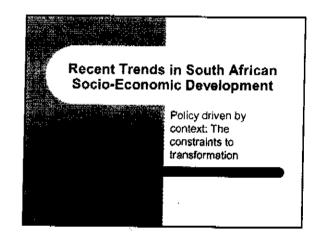
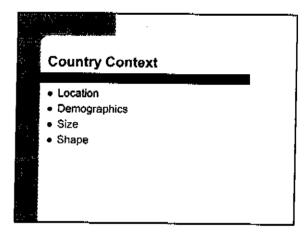


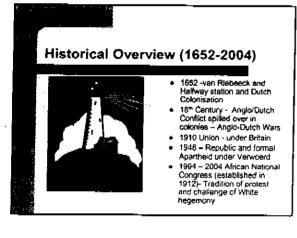
HSRC RESEARCH OUTPUTS





This presentation Country Context Historical Overview The Apartheid Legacy and Current Challenges Economic Policy (RDP to GEAR) Political and Social Trends Critical questions





The Legacy Political Transition from Apartheid to Democracy Mandela Era 1994-9 followed by Mbekitological Past: Economic Exclusion and White Affirmation Social/Political/Economic inequality based on race Gender-based Inequality Geographic (Urban/Rural) Skills Urievenness

Socio-Economic & Political Challenges

- Racial Differentiation
- Employment
- Poverty
- Skills Development
- Aids Prevalence
- Nation Building in context of 'affirmative' social

Equity vs Efficiency

- Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP)
- Growth, Employment and Redistribution (GEAR)
- Equity/Regress/National Historical (contextual) Interests
- Efficiency/Responsibility/ National interest
- 1994
- 1996

RDP

- On the tradition of the Freedom Charter..we have consulted widely...and for those who have participated...lt has reaffirmed the belief that that people are our greatest assets...Democracy will have little content, and indeed, will be short-lived if we cannot address our socio-economic problems within an expanding and growing economy
 - (Nelson Mandela 1994)

GEAR

...a strategy for rebuilding and restructuring the economy..in keeping with the goals set out in the Reconstruction and Development Programme. In the context of this integrated economic strategy, we can successfully confront the related challenges of meeting basic needs...and implementing the RDP in all its facets

(Department of Finance, 1996; 1)

Imperatives

RDP

- National 'Reconstructive International
- State/People interface -
- Social steering Affirmation, Social Reengineering

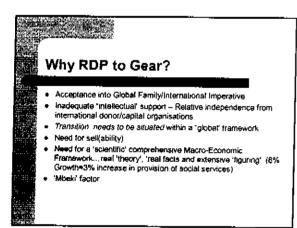
GEAR

- Redress, Equity, Access
 Efficiency, Effectiveness, Managerialism
 - · Privatisation, Marketisation
 - Économic Steering

Better export performance - In certain sectors automotive

- Increased productivity?? Wages contained! In public service
- Downsizing in public services
- But...employment?
- But....increased social spending for Aids, Poverty, Economic Affirmation and Skills Development?

Evidence of increased ability to compete in demanding markets



Political Structure vs Economic Reality - Black Political Power - Driven by National Reconciliatory Interests - State as 'neutral' arbiter - 'Democratic' State with Negotieted Critical Partners (e.g. with old apartners foe-NNP after elections) - Tri-partite Governance and 'aocial partnership' (Unions and Business) – and Strategic alliance (COSATU and Communist Party) - Black political elite but 'Voiceless'

The RDP/GEAR mix • What has been the effect of Transition with a strong social agends in context of market rationality? • Have we made the choice? Economic rationality with human face or human rationality with an economic face? • Are we successful? How do we define success?



Where are we now? Revolution or Evolution Transformation To what extent is the State How is Transformation to be simply tinkering with existing defined? Whose terms are being Is the Tri-partheid political privileged? Is Equity really possible in context of Global reality.....a world armed with an partnership working for the benefit of the majority. · What is the role of GEAR 'efficiency' focus Was the timing of transition wrong!

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