

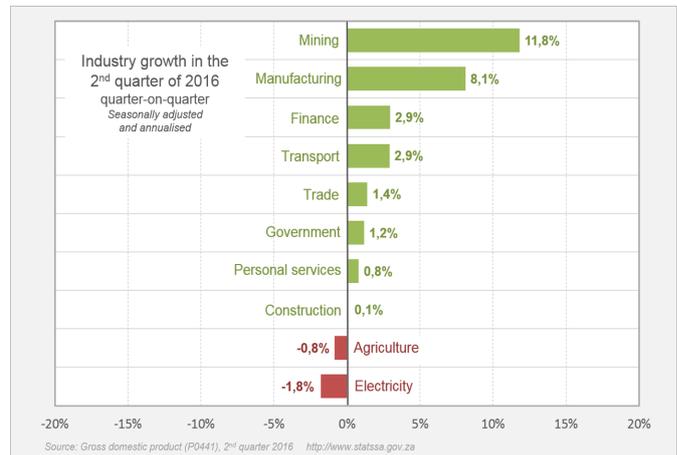
Trailblazers are creative and courageous pioneers reaching out to break new ground and to seek new solutions. They are innovators who are fired by an unrelenting passion for human development.

## Positive GDP Growth in the Second Quarter of 2016

South Africa's economy grew by 3,3% quarter-on-quarter (seasonally adjusted and annualised), according to estimates of real gross domestic product (measured by production). This is the fastest quarter-on-quarter rise in economic activity since the fourth quarter of 2014. Year-on-year growth in the second quarter of 2016 was 0,6%.

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## Spring Awakening



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“Spring drew on . . . and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that hope traversed them at night, and left each morning brighter traces of her steps.” —*Charlotte Bronte*

As we begin this spring season I could not help but reflect on the words of this writer and the more deeply I pondered the more I realised that we have once again reached a beautiful season – a season of rebirth, hope and a season of change.

We have spent the winter months in hibernation and now it is time to unshackle the chains and release ourselves from all those things that held us back as we justifiably protected ourselves from the cold. It is time to blossom, be alive, dream again and work tirelessly towards the achievement of our goals.

A big question arises though – do we know what is it that we are striving for? Do we know what are dreams and goals are? Is it career progression? Is it improvement of our health or fitness levels? [READ MORE:](#)

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## Heritage Day: Generating Awareness

Heritage Day attributes homage to the vast spectrum of people with different nationalities, ethnicities and cultures that populate South Africa. During Apartheid, the South African national identity promoted European and Afrikaans identities, neglecting to acknowledge the true culture and traditions of people in South Africa.

On Heritage Day we celebrate our differences. Our differences in culture, language or tradition. However, how much do we really know about one another? Are you able to greet another person in a language foreign to your own?

There are 11 official languages in South Africa. In the hopes of generating knowledge and creating awareness about our different cultures, language is a good place to start. Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu. *[Translation: that a person is a person through other persons. We affirm our humanity when we acknowledge that of others]*

By Tatum Tahneè Kok

## Free Education in our Lifetime?

In 2015 the fees must fall movement was born as a response to the 7% fee increase by Wits University. It is now 2016 and this issue has still not been resolved. Majority of students in South Africa are still unable to afford exorbitant fees. At this point, only task teams to assess the feasibility of free education have been established.



<b>English</b>	Hello, how are you?
<b>Afrikaans</b>	Goeie more, hoe gaan dit?
<b>Zulu</b>	Sawubona, unjani?
<b>Xhosa</b>	Molo, kunjani?
<b>Ndebele</b>	Lotjhanu, unjani?
<b>Sepedi</b>	Dumela, O kae?
<b>Sotho</b>	Dumela, O kae?
<b>Tswana</b>	Dumela, O kae?
<b>Swati</b>	Sawubona, kunjani?
<b>Venda</b>	Ndaa vho vuwa hani?
<b>Tsonga</b>	Avuxeni, Ku njhani?

Scandinavian countries are some of the countries in the world where University education is free for everyone. Thus, it would have been logical for the South African government to have looked at these countries tertiary education model in order to apply it to the South African context.

The fees must fall movement has gained massive support all around South Africa and is an issue that needs to be addressed. Going forward, analysis and planning needs to be administered to assess how free education can be provided for students in South Africa.

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