

# SA can serve as a beacon of hope

SOUTH Africa has taken pride of place among the countries of the world today, often punching way above its weight on numerous international forums.

Yes, we have challenges facing us such as HIV/Aids, violent crime, poverty and unemployment.

But South Africa is now widely regarded as Africa's best hope, politically and economically. There is widespread recognition in numerous quarters that South Africa simply has to succeed so that it can serve as a role model and engine for uplifting the continent.

A successful South Africa would serve as a powerful beacon of hope and show what is possible if a country adheres to democracy, sound economic management and good governance

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