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Dear Senator Mbeki

It is with great pleasure that we enclose our latest newsletter, which we hope you will find informative, challenging and encouraging.

Recent studies have proved the willingness and ability of disadvantaged people to climb out of unemployment and poverty through the IBTT ladder of opportunity (see article entitled "Amazing Survey Results").

South Africa's unemployed population is now about 8 million people who are desperate to enter into the country's economy. Most of them will never be able to obtain jobs in the formal sector. To put it bluntly, they are faced with three alternatives: destitution, crime or self-employment!

South Africa's future to a large extent, depends on how we respond to the legitimate demands of the unemployed masses. If we cannot offer them jobs we must offer them the opportunity to enter into self-employment.

If they are provided with a ladder of opportunity, the unemployed people are prepared to take responsibility for their economic well-being. In this regard, the IBTT programme of training, mini-loan facilities and mentoring is enormously successful.

There is a tremendous amount of latent enterprise at the grassroots level of our society which is crying out to be released and empowered.

The enclosed newsletter is full of good news, showing what can be done in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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