

Country Profiles

South Africa

Capital : Pretoria
Land Area : 1,219,912 sq km
Head of Government : President HE Mr Thabo Mbeki (since 16 June 1999)
Population : 44,344,136 (July 2005 est.)
Major Languages : IsiZulu 23.8%, IsiXhosa 17.6%, Afrikaans 13.3%, Sepedi 9.4%, English 8.2%, S
Major Religion(s) : Zion Christian 11.1%, Pentecostal/Charismatic 8.2%, Catholic 7.1%, Methodist
Date of Joining : Rejoined 1994, (South Africa withdrew from the Commonwealth on its own acc

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