



MADLANGA COMMISSION WISHES BAFANA BAFANA SUCCESS IN THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP CAMPAIGN

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REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION, JUSTICE MBUYISELI MADLANGA

Good morning, South Africa.

As you all see, today we, the entire Commission, are donning the Bafana Bafana jersey. Since today is the opening of Bafana's 2026 FIFA World Cup campaign, it is fitting to show them our unwavering support. We trust that they will do well.

I cannot resist telling this brief story. I have not alerted the person who is the subject of the story that I am going to do so. According to the initial terms of reference, the Commission's life was supposed to be six months only, which has long elapsed. My colleague, Commissioner (Sandile) Khumalo, used to tell us his plans to go to the World Cup. Right now, he would have been in Mexico to watch this football extravaganza. Unfortunately, once the period of the Commission was extended, those plans were dashed.

Commissioner Khumalo and everyone within the Commission who has had to make personal sacrifices, one way or the other, to see to it that the work of the Commission succeeds, many thanks to you all.

Back to the subject of this morning. I urge all South Africans to support our team. Bafana Bafana, pull all stops and make us proud!!!

Thank you.

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