

Essay Competition: 25 Years Later

This year sees South Africa commemorating one of the most remarkable events in its history. 2 February 2015 marks 25 years since FW de Klerk's groundbreaking speech in Parliament. On this day, he spelled out the vision of South Africa's transition from apartheid to a non-racial, constitutional democracy. This vision can be found in the following words, as drawn from the speech:



OF FW DE KLERK'S
2 FEBRUARY
SPEECH
IN PARLIAMENT

“Among other things,
those aims include
**a new, democratic
constitution;**
universal franchise; no domination;
equality before an independent judiciary;
the protection of minorities
as well as of individual rights;
freedom of religion; a sound economy
based on proven economic principles
and private enterprise;
dynamic programmes directed at
better education, health services,
housing and social conditions
for all.”

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS

In commemorating 25 years the FW de Klerk Foundation invites you to write an essay (800 - 1500 words), where you discuss the following:

To what extent have we achieved the vision that FW de Klerk spelled out in his 2 February 1990 speech?

Critically detail your thoughts regarding the transition which emerged from the speech. Explain whether you think South Africa has been successful in achieving the vision of a free and just society, and discuss what else could be done in order to further this vision.

Email your essay and contact details to: 25@fwdeklerk.org

CATEGORIES

Student: Participants must be registered at a South African or international institution of higher education to qualify for the student category.

General: Entry is open to all other adult individuals over the age of 18 that do not meet the requirements for the student category.

PRIZES

A monetary prize of R2500 will be awarded to the winner of the student category, and R2500 will be awarded to the winner of the general category.

Both winners will also receive a signed copy of Mr De Klerk's autobiography, *The Last Trek - A New Beginning*.

IMPORTANT DATES

The deadline for entries is **27 March 2015**. | Winners will be announced on **27 April 2015**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. | One (1) entry per person. | All entries to consist of original work, have a title and include a word count. | Your essay will be disqualified if it does not meet the requirements or is submitted after the closing date of 27 March 2015. | By entering the competition the participant gives the FW de Klerk Foundation the right to use, edit and publicise the submitted essay, without compensation. | Only online entries will be accepted. | Entries to be submitted to 25@fwdeklerk.org. | Entries to be sent in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format. | Entries to be 800 - 1500 words in length. | Essays must be submitted in Afrikaans or English. | Prizewinners will be notified telephonically or via e-mail. | The winners will be announced on 27 April 2015. | The names and winning essays will be published on the FW de Klerk Foundation website and shared via the Foundation's social media channels.



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