

Coat of arms



A coat of arms is like the signature of a country. When we see our coat of arms on a book or a report, we know it comes from the South African government. Our Coat of Arms has many pictures in it. Each one has a special meaning.

Secretary bird with spread-out wings, keeping watch over our nation.

A protea flower, symbolising the beauty of the land.

Elephant tusks, which stand for our wisdom.

Wheatears, showing the fertility of our country, which makes it possible for us to grow enough food to eat

Our motto, Ike e: /xarra//ke, which in the language of the San means "different people unite"

The rising sun, which means light and life

A spear and knobkierie in a resting position, showing that there is peace in the land

A shield, showing that we are ready to face whatever happens.

Two San rock drawings, to remind us of the first people who lived in our country.



National Anthem → Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika "God bless Africa"

Xhosa

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,

Zulu

Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo

Sotho

Morena boloka set jhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke set jhaba sa
heso, Set jhaba sa, South Afrika,
South Afrika.

Afrikaans

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes
waar die kranse antwoord gee,

English

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.