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Romy Titus (Presenter): Columbian star war lords and gangs running their own economy; that won't be such a far fetched scenario if South Africans detach themselves from governance issues. The Dinokeng Scenario team envisages 3 possible parts the country could take by 2020 and although some don't paint a pretty picture, the experts say they are preventative measures that can be taken.

Tsholofelo Mathibedi (Reporter): South Africa is at a crossroads and the next 5 years will be critical. The Dinokeng team has come up with 3 possible scenarios. Civil society loses trust in public institutions and disengages so protests and unrest escalates The state responds with authoritarianism or the state leads. It becomes both policy maker and implementer in addressing education, poverty, unemployment and health issues or civil society participates actively in matters of the state, producing strong leadership in the country.

Dr Mamphela Ramphele (Dinokeng Chair): No democracy can exist and survive and thrive without citizens who put pressure on the public officials to behave in a way that is in accordance with the constitution

Tsholofelo Mathibedi (Reporter): This project follows hot on the heels of several government initiatives to ensure better service delivery

Dr Vincent Maphai (Dinokeng Governor): The key thing is it does not have to be different. We went our own way and I think if we come to the same conclusions that government had reached, at least that even makes a stronger case

Tsholofelo Mathibedi (Reporter): If the country is to reach its potential, citizens must buy into all state initiatives to address the challenges. In other words, government must tap into the country's available human resources, irrespective of people's political alignments