

TRADE INDUSTRY CHAMBER

2006/7 WORK PROGRAMME AND PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

| KEY FOCUS AREA | KEY RESULT AREA | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES | STATUS |
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| Consumer Protection Bill | To examine whether the policy principles which were agreed to in Nedlac on Consumer Protection are incorporated in the draft Bill. | To ensure that consumers are protected against unethical practices and to strengthen the consumer rights aspects of the Law. | Task Completed |
| Second-Hand Goods Bill | To engage and agree on the legislative framework on how to regulate the business of pawnbrokers and dealers in secondhand goods | To limit trade in stolen goods; and promotion of ethical standards in the second-hand goods trade. | Task Completed |
| Cooperatives Strategy | To engage with a view to agree on the strategy to promote emerging cooperatives enterprises in all sectors of the economy | To promote emerging co-operatives enterprises in all sectors of the economy | The Nedlac task completed, however strategy is being reviewed by government |
| Modernising Technical Infrastructure and Bills | To engage with a view to agree on a legislative framework on how to improve the domestic technical infrastructure. | To improve the domestic technical infrastructure in order to positively contribute towards improving the competitiveness of the domestic industry. | Task Completed |
| National Technical Regulatory Framework (NTRF) and Bills | To engage with a view to agree on how to improve and establish a common South African approach in terms of its technical regulatory responsibilities. | To improve and establish a common South African approach to technical regulatory responsibilities, and to ensure that South Africa's technical regulations comply with international requirements and that they are responsive to the changing needs of the economy. | Task Completed |
| Procurement Policy | To engage with a view to reaching agreement on the draft revised procurement regulations and to ensure alignment with the procurement element of the BBBEE scorecard. | To ensure that the National Procurement Regulations are aligned with the procurement element of the BBBEE scorecard. | Nedlac engagements on policy completed. However the Draft Bill awaits vetting by the National Treasury |
| BBBEE Codes of Good Practice | To engage with a view to reach agreement on BBBEE Codes of Good Practice | To ensure that the benefits of Black Economic Empowerment are broad – based and curb fronting. | Policy processes completed in Nedlac, however Nedlac still to ensure that the Bill incorporates all the policy principles that were agreed in Nedlac. |
| Fisheries Policy | To engage and agree on steps to be taken to develop policy that takes into account the key challenges in fishing. | To ensure that the policy intervention takes into account the balance between commercial and subsistence fishing. | A study into fishing has been commissioned. |
| National Industrial Policy Framework (NIPF) | To engage and agree on the National Industrial Policy Framework proposals | To put in place policy instruments to build the domestic industrial capacity in South Africa. | Task Completed. |

PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE TECHNICAL SECTORAL LIAISON COMMITTEE (TESELICO)

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| WTO (NAMA Formulas) | Seek to reach agreement in Nedlac on the WTO trade negotiations relating to: Industrial products; Services and Trade and Environmental, as well as Goods and Services and to a limited extent, Agriculture. | To ensure that South Africa extracts maximum value out of the Multi lateral Trade Arrangements. | Four task team processes are currently unfolding and the inputs are directly channelled to the WTO negotiations on a regular bases |
| SACU-USA | Seek to reach agreement in Nedlac on the position and approach to be adopted in the SACU-USA trade negotiations. | To ensure that SACU get the best deal out of the SACU-USA trade negotiations. | The formal negotiations have been suspended. Engagements rolled over to the 2007/8 work programme. |
| SACU-EFTA | Seek to reach agreement in Nedlac on the position and approach to be adopted in the SACU-EFTA trade negotiations. | To ensure that SACU get the best deal out of the SACU-EFTA trade negotiations. | Task completed |
| SACU-MERCOSUR (FTA) | Seek to reach agreement in Nedlac on the position and approach to be adopted in the SACU-MERCOSUR trade negotiations. | To ensure that SACU get the best deal out of the SACU-MERCOSUR trade negotiations. | Negotiations close to conclusion. Negotiations continue on Auto sector. |
| RSA/SACU-EU TDCA REVIEW/SADC EPA | Seek to reach agreement in Nedlac on the position and approach to be adopted in the SACU-EU TDCA Review trade negotiations, as well as on an EPA. | To ensure that South Africa extracts maximum value out of the Multi lateral Trade Arrangements. SACU-EU TDCA, EPA. | Engagements rolled over to the 2007/8 work programme |
| SACU – INDIA/CHINA | Seek to reach agreement in Nedlac on the position and approach to be adopted in the in any trade negotiations with India and/or China. | To ensure that South Africa extracts maximum value out of trade negotiations with India and/or China. | Engagements rolled over to the 2007/8 work programme. Sector-specific research on India and China have been concluded |

FUND FOR RESEARCH INTO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GROWTH AND EQUITY (FRIDGE) STUDIES

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| Proposed Trade Negotiations between SACU and China and India | Commission a FRIDGE Study | Preparation of Various Manufacturing Sectors for Effective Trade Negotiations | Task Completed |
| Study to Develop Growth Strategies for Business Tourism, Backpacking and Community-based Tourism | Commission a FRIDGE Study | To Develop Growth Strategies for Business Tourism, Backpacking and Community-based Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Tourism • Backpacking • Community Based Tourism | Task Completed |
| CURRENT STUDIES | | | |
| Pricing Practices in the South African Chemicals Sector | Commission A FRIDGE Study | To investigate Pricing Practices in the South African Chemicals Sector | Study Underway |
| WTO Trade Negotiations | Commission a FRIDGE Study | To study WTO Trade Negotiations with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-agricultural Market Access • Strategy to Support Exporters with NTBs • Strategy for elimination of NTBs in EGS • Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAS) | Study Completed |
| Administered Prices | Commission a FRIDGE Study | To ensure that Administered prices are managed in such a manner that takes into account the broader development strategies. | Study Underway |
| Organic Value Chain Strategy for Sustainable Development and Growth of Organic Agriculture | Commission a FRIDGE Study | To enhance Sustainable Development and Growth of Organic Agriculture Organic Value Chain Strategy. | Study Underway |
| Growth and Development Summit Performance and Output Indicators | Commission a FRIDGE Study | To achieve Development of Growth and Development Summit Performance and Output Indicators | Study Underway |

FRIDGE STUDIES IN PROGRESS

- Chemical Sector Pricing Practices
- Administered Pricing
- Preliminary Approach to Reduction and Elimination of Tariffs and Non-tariff Barriers in Environmental Goods and Services
- Drafting of a National Strategy to Support Exporters in Overcoming Non-tariff Barriers in Specific Markets
- Preliminary National Position, on the Relationship between Multilateral
- Environmental Agreements with Trade Obligations and World Trade Organisation (WTO) Rules
- Preliminary National Position on Non- Tariff Barriers for Inclusion in the position
- Non-Agricultural Market Access

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| SCHEMICALS SECTOR SUMMIT | Develop sectoral strategies needed to enhance equitable and employmentcreating growth. | Enhance economic growth, investment, job creation and retention in the Chemical Sector. | • Chemicals Sector Agreement to be signed by social partners on 21 May 2007. |
| CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SUMMIT | Develop sectoral strategies needed to enhance equitable and employmentcreating growth. | Enhance economic growth, investment, job creation and retention in the Construction Sector. | Constituencies still engaging |
| METALS & ENGINEERING SECTOR SUMMIT | Develop sectoral strategies needed to enhance equitable and employmentcreating growth. | Enhance economic growth, investment, job creation and retention in the METALS & ENGINEERING Sector. | Constituencies still engaging |
| ICT SECTOR SUMMIT | Develop sectoral strategies needed to enhance equitable and employmentcreating growth. | To promote increased levels of growth, investment, job creation, decent work in the ICT sector. | Agreement signed in 2002, constituencies considering implementation processes. (ongoing) |

SUMMARY OF THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

- Consumer Credit Policy Report
- Consumer Protection Policy Report
- BBBEE Codes of Good Practice Reports
- Modernising South African Technical Infrastructure Report
- Accreditation and Measurement Standards Bills Report
- National Technical Regulatory Framework Report
- Standards and Compulsory Specifications Bills Report
- Chemical Sector Partnership Strategy Agreement
- Chemicals Sector Summit Agreement
- Corporate Law Reform Report

KEY CHALLENGES FOR THE CHAMBER INCLUDE:

- Synchronising the government policy timetable with the Nedlac processes – sometimes leading to extremely tight timeframes.
- Aligning the government mandating processes with the Nedlac processes.
- Flawed mandating mechanisms within constituencies resulting in delayed sign off of reports at Manco level.
- Limited technical capacity in the secretariat (Teselico).
- Limited technical and human capacity among the constituencies.

