

DEVELOPMENT CHAMBER

2006/7 WORK PROGRAMME AND PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

KEY FOCUS AREA	KEY RESULT AREA	PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES	STATUS
Expanded Public Works (EPWP)	Launch projects that provide short-term jobs in the communities with a greater emphasis on providing and/or improving basic and essential infrastructure in the communities	Seek to provide poverty and income relief through temporary work for the unemployed	459 840 cumulative work opportunities have been created since the inception of EPWP to end December 2006. The Department of Labour and the Department of Public Works officials worked together to implement the National Skills Development strategies
Poverty Measures	Engage and agree on the National Poverty Measures for South Africa.	To put in place National measurements to determine poverty levels in South Africa	Social partners still engaging with the matter.
Public Transport	Engage and agree on the Strategy to accelerate Public Transport Implementation via- a "win-win" partnership between Government, existing operators and Labour	To ensure that issues related to safety and security ; accessibility and affordability of public transport are adequately addressed in the National Transport Strategy.	Task Completed
Local Level Planning	Develop people-centered and workable service partnerships amongst constituencies that will combine resources and capacity in targeted developmental programmes. Increase the capacity of communities to participate meaningfully in local development	Address the legacy of apartheid planning, which undermines social and economic integration and employment in order to achieve broad socio-economic integration.	The chamber continues to encourage social partners and broader participation in initiatives such as: Izimbizos; Letsema Campaign; Ward committees; School Governing Bodies; Community Policing Forums; Hospital boards and Workers forums
Co-operative Development Strategy	Engage and agree on a Strategy to promote Cooperatives in South Africa	To create and develop incomegenerating activities, savings and investment, develop human resource capacities, improve social and economic well-being and establish and expand a viable and dynamic distinctive sector of the economy.	The policy framework completed The first phase of strategy completed in Nedlac The cooperatives Banks Bill has been submitted to Parliament. Consultations on the Cooperatives Advisory Board have been completed.
Restructuring of the Energy Sector	Engage and agree on the service delivery framework on the roll out of electricity.	To accelerate the delivery of electricity to all consumers, with equitable tariffs in general and the poor in particular.	The restructured electricity distribution (REDS) framework finalised. Nedlac is engaging on processes to enhance efficiency in the REDS.
Farm Worker Housing	Engage and agree on the policy framework on farm workers housing challenge.	To provide a policy framework to address the random evictions of farm workers and the general provision of housing for farmworkers.	The draft policy framework has been finalised and awaits cabinet approval after further engagement at the Rural Housing Indaba.

SUMMARY OF THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

- The Chamber in joint efforts with Trade and Industry agreed to the Cooperatives Bill.
- Installing qualitative changes to the administration of the Chamber.
- Installing drivers that would transform output of the Chamber.

KEY CHALLENGES FOR THE CHAMBER INCLUDE:

- Producing qualitative reports for the attention of Management Committee.
- Chamber's ability to interrogate documents whilst on the draft policy stages.
- Shift from monitoring and evaluating items to proactive engagement on the formulation stage of policy.

