

NEDLAC

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

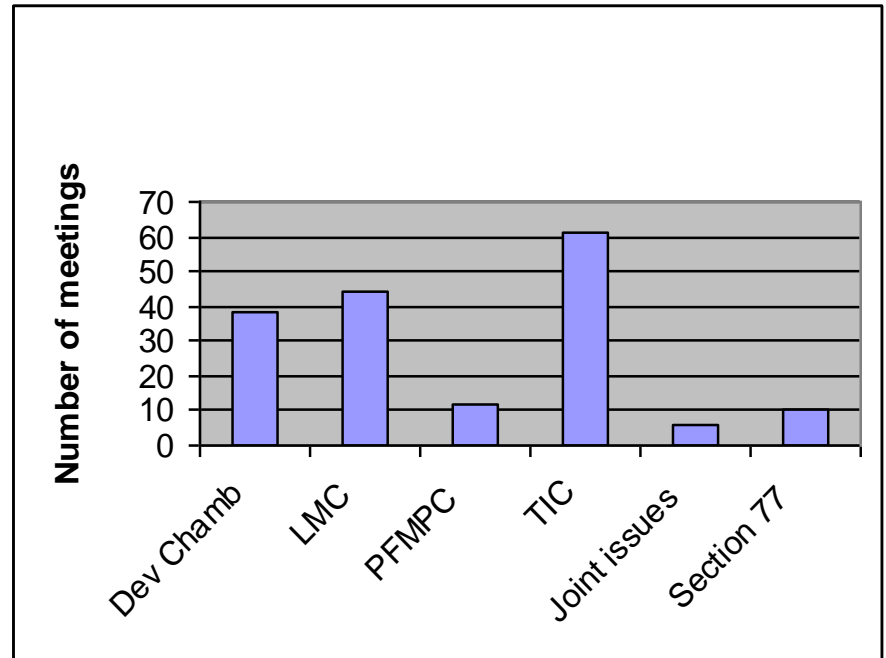
ANNUAL SUMMIT

9 NOVEMBER 2002



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2001-2002

- MOVE TO NEDLAC HOUSE
- MUCH HIGHER LEVELS OF ACTIVITY – 192 MEETINGS (excl Manco & Exco)
- Compared with approx. 140 mtgs in 2000-2001



SEVERAL SUMMITS

- SUCCESSFUL NEDLAC SUMMIT 2001 – theme of globalisation
- ICT SECTOR SUMMIT
- CIVIL SOCIETY SUMMIT
- FINANCIAL SECTOR SUMMIT
- WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- PREPARATIONS FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- **FOUR SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS –**
 - Monetary policy
 - National Skills Development Strategy
 - Perspectives on the Economy
 - The Budget



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Met seven times in the year
 - overseeing the work of the institution
 - signing off policy issues for referral to the Executive Council
 - Human resource issues
 - Financial reports



ECONOMIC CONTEXT

- Pockets of excellence and improvement, but also worrying trends
- Exports improved, productivity up and investment positive
- Steady progress in social delivery, in housing, health, water and welfare delivery



Economic Context cont.

- However, unemployment too high and poverty still the reality for the majority
- Wage gap still too wide and rising inflation, particularly in food prices, hurting the poor
- Backlogs still exist in social delivery, especially school infrastructure, healthcare, housing



Agreements reached 2001-2002

- Labour Law Amendments
- Occupational Health and Safety Accord
- ICT agreement
- Declaration on the Financial Sector
- Declaration of the Civil Society Summit
- Water Services Provider Contracts



Development Chamber

- HIV/AIDS
 - Research project on vulnerable people
- Integrated Rural Development Strategy
- Restructuring of Public Education
 - Engagement on National Higher Education Plan
- Restructuring of Local Government
 - Property Rates Bill, Water Regulations



Labour Market Chamber

- Labour Law Amendments negotiations
- Productivity
- Code of Good Practice on Workers in Public Works Programmes
- International Migration
- Demarcation Applications
 - Five considered and supported
- Nominations to Statutory Bodies
- Occupational Health and Safety Accord



Public Finance and Monetary Policy Chamber

- Transformation of the Financial Sector
 - International Workshop
 - Summit
 - Post-Summit process
- Budget workshop



Trade and Industry Chamber

- Industrial strategy
- Trade issues
 - Delegation to WTO Ministerial in Qatar
 - Ongoing interaction with WTO
 - SADC trade agreements
- Proudly South African campaign, including procurement agreement



Trade and Industry Chamber(2)

- Sector Summits
 - ICT
 - Preparations for Metals and Engineering
 - Preparations for Chemical industry
- Draft Mineral Development Bill
- Plastic Bag regulations
- SACU/CITA



Trade and Industry Chamber(3)

- **Research (Fridge)**

- Completed studies

- Silicon-based high technology cluster
 - SQAM review
 - Proudly South African campaign follow-up
 - Global marketing of SA jewellery
 - Impact of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
 - Economic impact of plastic bag regulations
 - Wool and Mohair cluster



Joint Processes

- Monitoring the PJSA
- Social Security
- Taxi re-capitalisation
- WSSD
- Rail Safety
- Food prices
- NEPAD



Visits to Nedlac

- Visits by multilateral institutions
 - DG of the WTO – Mike Moore
 - DG of the ILO – Juan Somavia
- Visits by national counterpart institutions
 - TNBC
 - SERV



Section 77 notices

- SACTWU (retailers) – protest action held
- COSATU Privatisation – protest action held
- FEDUSA (LRA) - resolved
- FAWU (Impact of SA-EU agreement on the local food industry) – not followed up by applicant
- COSATU Western Cape (Cape Metrorail) - agreement after initial protest action
- SATAWU (Bus industry) - not a s77



Communications

- Publications - Dialogue, Annual Report, Bulletin on socio-economic trends, occasional paper series, HIV/AIDS Code booklet
- Website – 3500 – 4000 visitors per month
- Nedlac in the media – 794 articles
- Briefing sessions
- Visits to Nedlac - local and international
- Liaison with Parliament



Research

- Socio-Economic Trends Bulletin
- Roundtables
 - State of South African Education
 - Industrial Strategy
- Productivity paper
- Daylight saving paper
- WSSD



International Social Dialogue

- ILO-MLC study tour
- Projects with SERV, Tanzania business council.
- Visits from Brazilian, Finnish, Dutch, Malawian and Zimbabwean delegations
- ILO meetings in Geneva
- International Association of Socio-Economic Councils and Similar Institutions
- African Union of Socio-Economic Councils
- Unido seminar on social dialogue



Finances

- Income
 - Grant received R6.396m
 - R10m for purchase of building
 - Expenditure
 - R 6.752m
 - Salaries (43% of expenditure)
 - Travel & Accommodation (17% of expenditure)
 - Meetings & events (8% of expenditure)
 - Rent (9% of expenditure)
 - Deficit (5% of budget)



LOOKING FORWARD

- GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT
- Framework agreement on the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS
- Strategic management of Nedlac's resources
- Improving service of secretariat
- Making constituencies stronger
- Sector summits (R11m raised)

