



THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR COUNCIL
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SOCIAL PARTNERS TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON THE BUDGET VOTE SPEECH

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The National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC) is a key institution that has sought to entrench participatory democracy through social dialogue, at which business, labour, government and community based organizations are brought together to provide a collective leadership in the formulation and refining of economic, labour and development policies. NEDLAC was established in terms of the first pieces of legislation, the NEDLAC Act (Act 35 of 1994), which was promulgated by the first democratically elected government.

The Executive Council of NEDLAC wish to extend an invitation to the media to attend a media briefing that will be held at **NEDLAC House, 14A Jellicoe Avenue, Rosebank, on Friday, 23 February 2007 at 13h00**. It has been a norm at NEDLAC that social partners hold an Executive Council meeting after the Honourable Minister of Finance Mr. Trevor Manuel has delivered the Budget Vote Speech, so as to engage with the Minister on various aspects of the budget while formulating a policy position of NEDLAC on the governments' budget commitments for the term ahead.

At this briefing, media will have an opportunity to get a collective and individual views on the Budget Vote Speech from the constituents of NEDLAC Executive Council that comprises of government, organised business, organised labour, and community based organisations. The representation whose names are listed below will be led by the key drivers of South Africa's socio-economic order.

Government

Honourable Ministers: Mr. Trevor Manuel, Finance, Mr. Membathisi Mdladlana, Labour, Ms Thoko Didiza, Public Works, Mr. Mandisi Mphahlwa, Trade and Industry, Mr. Vanguard Mkosana, Overall Convenor of Government in NEDLAC, as well his counterparts from Finance, Public Works and Trade and Industry.

¹ *Deepening social dialogue for social equity, growth, and maximum economic participation.*

Organised Business

Mr. Patrice Motsepe, President of BUSA, Mr. Jerry Vilakazi, CEO of BUSA, Prof Raymond Parsons, Overall Convenor of Business in NEDLAC, and Mr. Bobby Godsell, Chairperson of BUSA.

Organised Labour

Mr. Zwelinzima Vavi, General Secretary, COSATU, Mr. Ebrahim Pattel, Overall Convenor of Labour in NEDLAC & General Secretary of SACTWU, Mr. Dennis George, General Secretary, FEDUSA, and Mr. Mahlomla Skhosana, General Secretary of NACTU.

Community Based Organisations

Mr. Blade Nzimande, Chairperson of Financial Sector Campaign in NEDLAC & General Secretary of the SACP, Ms Ruth Bengu, President of SANCO, Ms Laura Kganyago, General Secretary of WNC, and Mike Mzolisi, General Secretary of DPSA.

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