

PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

ANNUAL SUMMIT

TARGET: the National Economic Development and Labour Council shall hold one annual summit, which will be chaired by the President or Deputy President and shall give constituencies an opportunity to give input on the institution and the issues on its agenda. There shall be 80 representatives of each constituency invited, along with guests from broader civil society, including Parliament; NGOs; other SADC countries.

A successful Summit was held in 2001.

OUTCOME: Programme Performance

The Annual Summit was successfully held on 28 October 2001.

The Summit was chaired by the Deputy President, Jacob Zuma, and the theme of the Summit was globalisation. The Deputy President spoke on Globalisation and Decent Work. The Government speech was delivered by Minister of Trade and Industry, Alec Erwin, on behalf of the Minister of Labour, Membathisi Mdladlana and focused on social dialogue at the national, sectoral and local levels. The Business speech was delivered by Nafcoc Secretary-General, Beef Molefe, and looked at what South Africa could be doing to grow the economy. The Labour speech was delivered by Ebrahim Patel, the labour overall convenor in Nedlac. It analysed the progress Nedlac had made in the past year, and spelled out some challenges for the coming year. Petronella Linders of the Disabled People of South Africa spoke on behalf of the Community Constituency, and covered several aspects of the impact globalisation was having.

Three commissions were held, which gave an opportunity for interaction. The topics and speakers were:

Globalisation, unemployment and decent work

Chairperson: Fadila Lagadien, Disabled People of South Africa

Speaker: Cunningham Ngcukana, General Secretary, Nactu

Respondent: Rams Ramashia, Director-General: Department of Labour

Nedlac, social dialogue and the multi-lateral institutions WTO, IMF, WB, ILO

- Facilitator:** Thandi Marah, National Women's Coalition
- Speaker:** Professor Raymond Parsons, Overall Business Convenor
- Respondent:** Faizel Ismail, Deputy Director General, International Trade and Economic Development Division, Department of Trade and Industry.

Globalisation and the prospects for investment and growth

- Chairperson:** Cas Coovadia, General Manager, Banking Council
- Speaker:** Elias Masilela, Chief Director: Macroeconomic Policy, Government Convenor in Public Finance and Monetary Policy Chamber
- Respondent:** Siphon Masuku, S.A. Youth Council

The summit adopted a resolution, which built on the declaration adopted at the 2000 Summit.

Nedlac Summit 2001 Resolution

27 OCTOBER 2001

The Nedlac constituencies, government, business, labour and the community ... noting:

- The importance of the theme of this the 2001 Annual Summit of Nedlac, namely engaging globalisation through social dialogue
- The steady progress made towards achieving a climate in which the issues of national priority identified in the Declaration of the 2000 Annual Summit may be addressed;
- The new challenges brought about by the aftermath of the tragic events of 11 September 2001, and the growing challenges of global poverty and underdevelopment;
- The challenge of working to make the New Partnership for Africa's Development a success

Re-affirm their commitment to the letter, spirit and objectives of the Declaration of the 2000 Annual Summit, and Resolve to focus their attention and efforts in the year ahead to:

- Give effect to the goals of the 2000 Nedlac Declaration;
- Develop a coherent national consensus on a broad strategy to position our country favourably in the global economy as a leading emerging market
- Achieve key strategic agreements on industrial policy and strategy, improving productivity, speeding up the delivery of basic services and investment for job creation;
- Engage in a continuous effort to develop a social consensus on macro-economic policy and the restructuring of the public sector.
- Express our confidence in the ability of our social partnership to deal with the challenges and exciting opportunities ahead of us.

The resolution at the 2001 Summit re-affirmed the 2000 Nedlac Declaration.

Declaration of the 5th NEDLAC Annual Summit

September 2000

1. The constituencies of NEDLAC: government, business, labour and the community, reaffirm a commitment to social dialogue and working together.
2. The NEDLAC constituencies declare that in the coming year social dialogue will focus on developing a common vision and programme for promoting and ensuring investment, job creation and people-centered development.
3. In so doing the NEDLAC constituencies seek over the medium to long term to make South Africa:
 - The leading emerging market and destination of first choice for investors whilst retaining and expanding social equity and fair labour standards,
 - A productive economy with high levels of service, a highly skilled workforce and modern systems of work organisation and management,
 - A society in which there are economic opportunities for all, poverty is eradicated, income inequalities are reduced and basic services are available to all,
 - A society in which our people, our most precious resource, are given the opportunity and support to develop to their fullest potential,
 - A society that can promote the values of social equity, fairness and human dignity in the global economy.
4. NEDLAC has identified the following national priorities:
 - Promoting and mobilising investment and creating decent work for all
 - Ensuring economic empowerment for all, but especially for Black people, workers, people with disabilities, women and youth
 - Eradicating poverty and addressing the legacy of under-development
 - Strategically engaging globalisation to the best advantage of the country.
5. To address these national priorities the constituencies are committed to forging a shared vision and set of objectives that will include a mutually acceptable framework for analysing the nature of these challenges and a common programme of action to address them.
6. NEDLAC will continue to strive to manage and promote the expanding social dialogue that is an important feature of our democratic dispensation. This dialogue presents an opportunity for the constituencies to develop a dynamic partnership that will facilitate the successful and mutually beneficial socio-economic transformation of our country.
7. The constituencies recognise the need to commit to negotiating a common understanding of shared growth and social equity that will provide the basis for all to benefit from the collective effort of the constituencies.
8. Constituencies will detail what each will contribute to meeting the objectives of shared growth and social equity through:
 - Promoting and mobilising investment
 - Creating decent work for all and promoting economic empowerment
 - Managing growth so that it is sustainable
 - Defining how the benefits of growth are shared.
9. This vision will enable all to commit to work towards developing our country through the common knowledge that they have everything to gain by playing an active role as citizens.
10. NEDLAC will continue to ensure:
 - The ongoing efforts of the constituencies to make the chambers of NEDLAC key sites for interaction and detailed negotiation on priority policy issues of the day
 - The monitoring of agreements reached and programs implemented by the constituencies, in particular the Presidential Jobs Summit Agreements of 1998
 - The participation of the constituencies in increasing international and regional processes of social dialogue.