

THE CHAMBERS

DEVELOPMENT CHAMBER



TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Development Chamber seeks to reach consensus and make agreements on all matters pertaining to development, both urban and rural: implementation strategies; financing of development programmes; campaigns to mobilise the nation behind development; as well as the associated institutions of delivery.

OUTPUTS

From the period 1 April 2001 to 30 March 2002, the Chamber held

- 9 Chamber meetings
- 6 Local Government task team meetings
- 3 ACP-EU task team meetings
- 5 Transport task team meetings
- 8 WSSD task team meetings
- 3 Education task team meetings
- 4 Water regulations task team meetings

There was significantly higher activity in the Development Chamber with 38 meetings held.

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

The Chamber reached one formal agreement, on the Draft Regulations on Water Services Provider Contracts. Activity in the chamber was significantly higher than in the previous year, largely as a result of the World Summit for Sustainable Development. The chamber tackled some internal problems, such as the representativity of delegations, particularly that from government.

HIV/AIDS

A research project to identify and assess best practice case studies of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness programmes adopted in the workplace was completed. The chamber proposed that further research should be conducted in order to consolidate best practices for the unemployed and people living in rural areas. This research was outsourced and was awaiting completion at the end of the reporting period.

Moral Regeneration Summit

Nedlac was requested to participate in the preparations for the Summit, which was held on 18 April 2002. A member of the Community Constituency, representing Nedlac, became a member of the Moral Regeneration Working Group, which handled preparations for the Summit. The Summit ended with the launch of the Moral Regeneration Movement.

Housing

The Chamber attempted unsuccessfully to obtain report-backs on the Presidential Lead Project on Housing. This agenda item was then transferred to the Presidential Jobs Summit Agreements Monitoring Committee. A consultation workshop on the Department of Housing's Service Delivery Standards was held on 15 May 2001.

Higher
Education
Policy has
been a focus

Civil Society Summit

The task team that was set up to initiate strategies on civil society participation in the New Cotonou Agreement between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, planned to hold a Civil Society Summit in 2001. This did not come off the ground in 2001, due to problems experienced in securing funding. The Summit was planned for August 2002.

Education

The Nedlac constituencies received a presentation on Government's National Strategy for Higher Education from the Minister of Education on 17 August 2000. The Chamber also convened a policy session on 02 April 2001, attended by the Minister of Education.

A meeting of the Nedlac task team and the National Working Group on Higher Education, set up by the Minister of Education, was held on 11 October 2001. The Minister indicated a keen interest in Nedlac's considering the recommendations made

in the Report of the National Working Group once the report had been made public. A copy of the report was subsequently forwarded to Nedlac for its constituencies to engage on and discuss with the Department of Education. A meeting with the Minister and members of the National Working Group was held in Pretoria on 19 April 2002. The Minister agreed to a three-month period to consider concerns raised by the Nedlac Constituencies.

Integrated Rural Development Strategy

A presentation by the Department of Provincial & Local Government (DPLG) was made to the Chamber on 25 October 2001. DPLG encouraged Nedlac constituencies to get involved in the integrated rural development strategy by participating in Municipal area meetings and raising concerns at those forums. The Chamber agreed to monitor the implementation of the strategy by reviewing Government reports. These are submitted quarterly.

Property Rates Bill

The Department of Provincial and Local Government tabled the 11th draft of the Property Rates Bill to the chamber in August 2000. Discussions were held in April and October 2001. At the end of the year under review, Nedlac was awaiting the tabling of the 12th draft of the Bill for consideration.

Water Services Regulations

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry tabled the Draft Regulations of Water Services Provider Contracts at Nedlac on 15 May 2001. The Secretariat convened a workshop for the Chamber on the Water Regulations and their alignment to the Municipal Services Act and the Municipal Systems Act. A Nedlac Report on the Draft Regulations on Water Services Provider Contracts was adopted by the Chamber after a series of Nedlac meetings and bilaterals.

The Department of Water Affairs organised a water services policy review workshop as a process leading to the revision of the White Paper on Water Services. The workshop was held on 5 March 2002.

Water Services
Provider
Contracts
were
negotiated in
the Chamber.

Chamber Delegates

Community

Khulu Mbongo (Convenor)	Dumisane Mthlane	Ali Maziya
Fadila Lagadien	Sibongile Maswanganye	Laura Kganyago
Petronella Linders	Sizwe Shezi	Kwedi Mkalipi
Mpho Mojanaga	Benjamin Mokgothu	

Labour

Noluthando Sibiya (Convenor)	Welilo Noling	Narius Moloto
Josephilda Nhlapo-Hlope	Xolile Nxu	Sipho Mkhwebane
Jake Dikobo	Carmen Jeftha	Dawn Le Roux
Joyce Pekane	Elliot Nduzulwana	
Randall Howard	Zak Mankge	

Business

Sabelo Macingwane (Convenor)	Prince Maluleke	Benny Mlaba
Francis Antonie	Marlene Bossett	Boetie Letsoela
Koos du Toit	Pieter Rautenbach	David Cooper

Government

Elroy Jacobs (Convenor)	Monty Narsoo	Sello Mosai
Zama Nofemela		

Sub-committee delegates

Education

Government

Sibongile Gumedede

Labour

Josephilda Nhlapo-Hlope	Soraya Jawoodien	Ray Japhta
Annelize Hartzenberg	Jake Dikobo	Thabiso Motaung

Business

Kedi Mabotja

Community

Lindy Myeza	Zola Sapeta	Mpho Mojanaga
Fadila Lagadien	Dumisani Mthlane	

WSSD

Government		
JP Louw	Beth Arthy	
Labour		
Jacqueline Mpolokeng	Neva Makgetla	Josephilda Nhlapo-Hlope
Dawn Le Roux		
Business		
Maryna Mohr-Swart	Andrew Parsons	Nic Opperman
Lauraine Lotter	Prince Maluleke	Danny Vengedasamy
Benny Mlaba	Errence Vilakazi	Roger Baxter
Community		
Thulani Tshabalala	Benjamin Mokgothu	Khulu Mbongo
Laura Kganyago	Mpho Mojanaga	

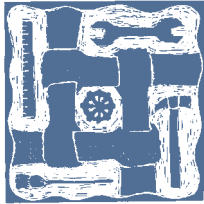
Local Government

Government		
Andrew Magadagela	Sanjay Winjesequera	Zama Nofemela
Sledge Selesho	Peter Vaz	Vusi Mkonta
Jackey Manche	Mbulelo Tshangana	
Labour		
Leon Grobler	Helen Duminy	Boss Nxu
Lance Veotte	Josephilda Nhlapo-Hlope	
Business		
Lorraine Lotter	Prince Maluleke	Benny Mlaba
Community		
Godfrey Jack	Prince Ntlonti	

Taxi Recapitalisation

Government		
Maishe Bopape		
Labour		
Maurice Bokaba	Zack Mankge	Eddie de Klerk
Business		
Roger Pitot	Francois Meyer	James Lennox
Dumisani Msomi		
Community		
Rayno Kaysier	Peter Matthews	Godfrey Jack
Donovan Williams		

LABOUR MARKET CHAMBER



TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Labour Market Chamber seeks to reach consensus and make agreements on all matters pertaining to the world of work and the associated institutions of delivery

OUTPUTS

From the period 1 April 2001 to 30 March 2002, the Chamber held

- 7 Chamber Meetings
- 11 meetings of the Labour Law Amendments Negotiating Committee
- 4 Labour Law Implementation Committee Meetings
- 9 meetings of the Demarcation Standing Committee
- 7 meetings of the Immigration Committee
- 2 Occupational Health and Safety Accord meetings
- 4 meetings of the Code of Good Practice sub-committee

Forty-four meetings were held under the auspices of the Labour Market Chamber in 2001-2002.

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

The Labour Market Chamber dealt with some difficult issues in the year under review, including the Labour Law Amendments, and the Immigration Bill. A significant agreement was reached on the Labour Law Amendments. The Immigration Committee was not able to make significant progress on the Immigration Bill, due to differences between the parties both on process and content. Statutory obligations of the chamber, which include demarcation issues and nominations to statutory bodies, were fulfilled.

Demarcations:

The Chamber recommended the following demarcations:

- **Application by the Furniture Industry of KwaZulu-Natal**
- The registration of the **Bargaining Council for the Wood and Paper Sector**, as amended to make it clear that the furniture industry is excluded
- Registration of the **National Bargaining Council for the Fishing Industry**

- Variation of Scope of Registration of the **Bargaining Council for the Motor Industry (Mibco) – Auto Glass Fitment Sector**, as amended to narrow the scope.
- Application for Variation of Scope of Registration of the **Bargaining Council for the Motor Industry (Mibco) – Auto Valet Establishments**, as amended to narrow the scope

The Committee supported the CCMA Arbitration Award in respect of the **demarcation dispute between Satawu & Iscor and Waterloo Services**.

International Migration

Nedlac had previously considered the Immigration White Paper. There was a dispute between government and the parties as to whether the initial discussions had covered the Bill as well as the White Paper. Because of this dispute, the Committee did not manage to make much progress in considering the Bill.

Labour Law Review

A meeting of the negotiating sub-committee of the LMC dealing with the proposed labour law amendments took place on 1 June 2001. The committee received reports from the parties that had been engaged in bilateral discussions since the effective deadlock between the parties in November 2000. Business and Labour tabled a document from the Millennium Labour Council that constituted a framework or package on which the parties had reached agreement.

The Negotiating Committee subsequently held intensive meetings, many of these in two-day sessions over weekends, and through the night. The Negotiating Committee concluded its negotiations in September 2001. The Minister of Labour subsequently presented the Bill to Cabinet. Public hearings were held on 16 and 17 October 2001.

A meeting to discuss the implementation of the Amendments was held on 16 January 2002. This meeting included representatives of the CCMA and the ECC. A co-ordinating team comprised of representatives from the CCMA, ECC and Nedlac was established to co-ordinate the process, which was almost complete by the end of the year under review. The regulations were expected to be gazetted in July 2002.

Minister of Labour's Report on the Reduction of Working Hours ("Towards a 40 Hour Working Week")

Constituencies were given an opportunity to comment on this report.

The Labour Law Review was a major focus of the Chamber.



Occupational Health and Safety Accord

We, Government, Organised Labour and Organised Business, declare that,

- Together in partnership, we will strive to realise the following ideals:
 - healthy and safe working environment
 - the development of best practices in Occupational Health and Safety; and
 - elimination of incidents and fatalities in the workplace.
- *We embrace the principles enshrined in ILO Convention 155.*
- *We commit ourselves to:*
 - uphold the occupational health and safety (OHS) principles as enshrined in the Bill of Rights;
 - integrate OHS into all business processes and strategies
 - make occupational health and safety a way of life
 - promote OHS awareness
 - develop enabling OHS legislation, regulations and directives
 - improve the tripartite relationship to the benefit of all in our country
 - abide by the requirements of the OHS Act
 - train workers and managers on safe working practices; and
 - build an effective and efficient occupational health and safety institutional framework.

We commit ourselves further to working together constructively in occupational health and safety.

Draft Code of Good Practice for Workers Engaged in Special Public Works Programmes

The Nedlac task team held 4 meetings to consider the code, which gives guidelines for the employment of workers in public works programmes.

Nedlac
ratified the
Occupational
Health and
Safety
Accord.

Occupational Health & Safety Accord

Nedlac ratified the Occupational Health and Safety Accord. (See page 49)

Productivity

A paper on productivity was prepared by Nedlac in conjunction with the National Productivity Institute (see research). This has been tabled at the LMC for further discussion.

Nominations to various committees and statutory bodies:

The LMC co-ordinated representatives from the constituencies to sit on the following committees and statutory bodies:

Technical Committee for Electrical Regulations
National Skills Authority
Unemployment Insurance Board
Employment Conditions Commission
CCMA Governing Body
Essential Services Committee
Labour Compensation Board
Advisory Council (O.H.S)

Southern African Development Community's Social Charter

A meeting of the SADC took place in March 2002 to discuss and finalise the Social Charter, after input had been sought from the social partners.

Labour Market Chamber delegates

Labour

Bengeza Mthombeni (Convenor)	Joseph Maqhekeni	Joseph Nkosi
Oupa Bodibe	Kagiso Moleme	
Leon Grobler	Jerry Ngondo	

Alternatives

Siphiwo Gangca	Jan Scheepers	
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Business

Vic van Vuuren (Convenor)	Gerrie Bezuidenhout	Aubrey Tshalata
Brian Angus	Fanie Ernst	
Frans Barker	Kobus Kleynhans	

Alternatives

Tanya Cohen	Percy Mongalo	
Colin de Kock	Elize Strydom	

Government

Les KettleDas (Convenor)	Humphrey Magwentshu	Faiza Salie
Adrienne Bird	Shadrack Mkhonto	Lisa Seftel

Alternatives

Sagren Govender		
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Demarcation sub-committee delegates

Business

Fanie Ernst	David Carson	
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Government

Hennie Slabbert	Thembinkosi Mkalipi	
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Labour

Bengeza Mthombeni	Chez Milani	
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Immigration Committee

Government

Claude Schraivesande	Ivan Lambinon	Rufus Malatji
Mario GR Ambrosini	Cynthia Alvillar	Nkhabele Marumo
Ian Macun		

Business

Vic Esselaar	Kobus Kleynhans	
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Labour

Florinah Koko	Humbulani Tshikalange	Sipho Ndebele
Molefe Molefe	Edward Mlondobozi	Gretchen Humphries
Oupa Bodibe	Siphiwo Gangca	

Labour Law Amendments Negotiation Committee

Business

Vic van Vuuren
Elize Strydom
Graham Matthewson

Frans Barker
Brian Wasmuth
Tanya Cohen

Fanie Ernst
Kobus Kleynhans

Government

Les Kettledas
T. Cronje

Lisa Seftel
Jerry Majatladi

Thembinkosi Mkalipi
D Rudman

Labour

Ebrahim Patel
Upa Bodibe

Bengeza Mthombeni
Tony Ehrenreich

Joseph Maqhekeni
Leon Grobler

Labour Law Amendments Implementation Sub-committee

Labour

Ebrahim Patel

Government

Lisa Seftel

Les Kettledas

Business

Vic Van Vuuren

Elize Strydom

OHSA Task Team

Labour

Jacqueline Mpolokeng

Shirley Miller

Government

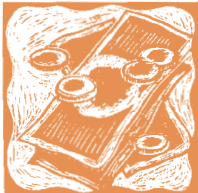
Moses Pudikabekwa

Business

Laurraine Lotter

Lettie La Grange

PUBLIC FINANCE AND MONETARY POLICY CHAMBER



TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Public Finance and Monetary Policy Chamber seeks to reach consensus and make agreements on all matters pertaining to the framework within which financial, fiscal, monetary and exchange-rate policies are formulated; the co-ordination of fiscal and monetary policy and related elements of macroeconomic policy as well as the associated institutions of delivery.

OUTPUTS

There were no chamber meetings in 2001/2002. The one issue that the chamber dealt with was the transformation and diversification of the Financial Sector. On this issue, there were:

- 6 meetings of the Finance Sector task team
- 2 meetings of the Finance Sector task team lead negotiators
- 4 meetings of the Finance Sector task team sub-committee

There were 12 meetings of the Financial Sector Task Team.

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

The Chamber did not manage to agree on a work programme for the year under review. Hence, the Financial Sector review was the only issue tackled under the auspices of the Chamber.

Transformation and diversification of the Financial Sector

At a Nedlac Management Committee meeting held on 19 January 2001, the Community Constituency proposed that a conference be convened by Nedlac under the auspices of the Public Finance and Monetary Policy Chamber on the transformation and diversification of the financial sector. The Community constituency indicated that there was a need for such a process as six years after the democratic elections, the South African banking sector in particular and the financial sector in general, had failed to transform.

Business, Labour and Government pledged their support for such a process and agreed that such a process should be held by Nedlac.

Key issues identified by constituencies for discussion/debate/negotiations:

- Development of a third tier banking sector, especially co-operative financial institutions.
- Credit bureaus and the role they should play in financial sector development.
- Discrimination (race, geographic, gender, income and class) in the financial sector.
- SMMES: obstacles to lending / challenges confronting SMMES
- Provision of lifeline services: lifeline services are targeted at low-income groups that are not provided for by regular financial institutions. These services include pension payouts, child grants etc.
- Capital markets and investments: the role of capital markets in addressing and assisting with investment in the financial sector.
- Savings: ways in which the financial sector could help improve personal and corporate savings
- Oversight mechanisms (regulatory environment): the importance of regulation in the financial sector. The shortcomings with current oversight/regulatory mechanisms for the financial sector.

Position papers of constituencies were submitted in August/September 2001. An international workshop was scheduled for 5 and 6 April 2002, and a Summit for later in 2002.

Financial Sector Review Task Team

Business		
Cas Coovadia	Jim Buys	Caroline da Silva
Yvonne Themba	Gerhard Joubert	Dennis Dykes
Rudolf Gouws	Debra Marsden	Benny Mlaba
Jacques Laubscher	Dudu Msomi	Michael Denenga
Attie du Plessis	Piet Wolmarans	
Government		
Elias Masilela	Chris Malan	Vukani Mamba
Kuben Naidoo	Sunday Mahlangu	Neren Rau
Johan van den Heever	Johan Delpont	Andre Bezuidenhout
Richard Thatcher	Chris Loewald	
Community		
David Masondo	Sharmielia Garnie	Muzi Maziya
David de Jong	Patson Ngwevela	Pat Horn
Khulu Mbongo		
Labour		
Neva Makgetla	Tebogo Phadu	Fiona Tregenna
Jan Mahlangu	Gerhard Veckermann	

TRADE AND INDUSTRY CHAMBER



TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Trade and Industry Chamber seeks to reach consensus and make agreements on all matters pertaining to the economic and social dimensions of trade, industrial, mining, agricultural and services policies, as well as the associated institutions of delivery.

OUTPUTS

From the period 1 April 2001 to 30 March 2002, the Chamber held

- 11 Chamber meetings
- 8 Proudly South African task team meetings
- 9 Industrial Strategy meetings
- 6 Teselico meetings
- 3 Sector Summits task team meetings
- 3 ICT Sector summit meetings
- 8 Fridge meetings
- 11 Plastic Bags task team meetings
- 3 Minerals and Energy task team meetings
- 2 SACU-CITA task team meetings

The TIC was the busiest Chamber, with 64 meetings in 2001-2002.

For the 2001/2002 year, four key areas were identified for the work of the chamber, namely:

- "Proudly South African" campaign
- Sector Summits
- Industrial policy
- Trade policy, specifically SA-Mercosur trade arrangement

In addition, government indicated that it would be tabling the Commission for International Trade Administration (CITA) Bill.

Agreements, Challenges, Weaknesses

This chamber continued to be the busiest of all the chambers, although much of its work does not result in a formal Nedlac agreement. A significant achievement was the launching of the Proudly South African campaign. Issues which did not see parties reaching agreement included the Plastic Bag regulations and the Minerals and Energy Legislation.

"Proudly South African" Campaign



The Proudly South African campaign was an initiative arising out of the Presidential Jobs Summit. Its aim is to create jobs and stimulate the economy by promoting South African goods and services. In November 1999 a task team under the auspices of the Trade and Industry Chamber was established to work out the details of the campaign.

The task team took the campaign up to the point when, in July 2001, a board and CEO were announced. Recruitment of the initial staff was done through the Nedlac secretariat, and for the first eight months, the staff worked out of two of the Nedlac offices.

The task team ensured that close co-operation was maintained between the campaign, the International Marketing Council (IMC), and SA Tourism. Nedlac's Executive Director, Phillip Dexter, has been appointed a board member of both the IMC and SA Tourism.

Over 1000 applications were received for the 8 posts that were advertised to staff the campaign initially. After a process of short-listing and interviewing, Martin Feinstein, a previous ad agency chairperson, was recommended as the CEO. Well-known personality Tim Modise was approached with a request to come on board as Chairperson, which he accepted readily. The Nedlac constituencies were asked to nominate two people each to serve on the Board. The seniority of the board members indicates the seriousness with which the constituencies take the campaign. The board members are:

Business
Neil van Heerden (CEO, SA Foundation) and Kevin Wakeford (CEO, South African Chamber of Business)

Government
Dr Alistair Ruiters (DG, the dti), and Bahle Sibisi (Deputy DG, the dti)

Community
K. Mbongo (Overall convenor, Nedlac) and Maria Rantau (DPSA) (sadly passed away in July 2002)

Labour
Willie Madishe (President, Cosatu) and Cunningham Ngcukana (General Secretary, Nactu)
The PSA CEO and the Executive Director of Nedlac, Phillip Dexter, are also board members.

In terms of initial funding for the campaign, the dti contributed an initial R7 million, followed by another R7m in March 2002. A further R32 million over three years was secured from four founder sponsors: Old Mutual, SAA, Telkom and Eskom. A Section 21 company was formed, and the logo has been registered as a trademark and its use by other parties prohibited through a Ministerial determination in terms of the Merchandise Marks Act.

A handover workshop was held on 18 July 2001 to facilitate handover to the CEO of the campaign, and prepare for the marketing launch. To secure the support of the legislature and the relevant select committees, a briefing to Parliament was held on 12 September, opened by the Speaker of Parliament.

The launch was held at a gala occasion on 3 October 2001. The campaign is proceeding extremely well, the only concern being the support from organised business, and the small number of big corporations that have joined.

Industrial strategy

Government's industrial strategy document was tabled to a special session of the Trade and Industry Chamber on 17 May 2001. On the basis of feedback from the Nedlac parties, the dti undertook to redraft the strategy document. This was then to be tabled in April 2002.

Trade issues

Teselico, the committee within Nedlac that deals with trade issues, held a planning session in March 2001. Government provided an overview of its priorities for 2001. A broad agenda for Teselico for 2001 was considered, including:

- strategically engaging the WTO.
- consideration of new trade agreements, especially SA-Mercosur.
- "after-care" of existing trade agreements, especially EU and SADC.

Two sector-level meetings took place, namely a meeting of the Clothing and Textiles industry in relation to the SADC trade agreement, and a meeting on the auto sector in relation to the EU and SADC trade agreements.

Sector Summits

The 1998 Presidential Jobs Summit agreed that Sector Summits should be held in those sectors where jobs could be retained/created. The TIC was tasked with setting up a committee to steer Sector Summits. A review of the sectoral job summits to date

Industrial Strategy continues to be a focus.

Delegation to the WTO Ministerial in Qatar

In November 2001, WTO trade ministers met in the Qatari capital, Doha, to discuss, amongst other issues, the possibility of a new trade round. Developing countries have argued for a new developmental round of policies that seek to eliminate the disparities between the countries of the South and the North.

Nedlac was asked to send a delegation to accompany the Minister of Trade and Industry, Alec Erwin, to the WTO meetings. Part of that delegation was Michael McDonald of Business South Africa, who was involved in the NEF talks in 1993.

"The NEF got involved in July 1993, after the then Director-General of the DTI, Stef Naude, returned from Geneva having been told that South Africa needed to improve its offer to GATT", says McDonald. The team consisted of McDonald, as convenor of the NEF Trade and Industry Working Group, Hans van der Merwe, Bess Robertson and Nico Vermeulen from Business, Alec Erwin and Ebrahim Patel from Labour, with Stef Naude, Gerrit Breyl and then Minister of Finance and Trade and Industry, Derek Keys, from Government. McDonald recounts how the group worked "day and night" for a period of three months. "Our offer was accepted on the very last day of the deadline – 15 December 1993. We were having a meeting at Ebrahim Patel's office in Cape Town when we heard."

According to McDonald, South Africa is able to "fight well above its weight" in WTO negotiations because of the involvement of labour and business, and more recently, community, in its delegation. South Africa is possibly the only country that takes such a representative grouping to the WTO.

The members of the Nedlac delegation to Doha were:

- Phillip Dexter, Executive Director
- Maria Rantho, from the Disabled People of South Africa, and
- Khulu Mbongo of the South African Youth Council, representing Community;
- Cunningham Ngcukana, of Nactu and Tony Ehrenreich of Cosatu, representing Labour
- Michael McDonald and Hans vd Merwe of Business South Africa, representing Business

was completed (this covered the Clothing and Textile, Mining, Public Service and Agriculture sector summits).

A sector summit planning workshop took place in June 2001 in order to assist in the development of a framework for defining the sectors and addressing and prioritising the sector summits. A “guidelines for sector summits” document was also developed.

Information and Communication Sector Summit

At a planning meeting in November 2001, it was agreed that a summit in the information and communication sector should be held in June 2002. Constituency caucuses were then organised to allow constituencies to develop position papers, after which negotiations commenced. At the end of the reporting period, the negotiations were in their final stages.

National Botanical Institute (NBI) – Ball Agreement

The TIC raised concerns regarding a reported agreement between the National Botanical Institute and Ball, whereby the country’s gene heritage was at risk of being sold. The Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) informed the Chamber on 25 October 2001 that a new bill on Biodiversity was being drafted by the Department. It was agreed that the Chamber should request a presentation on the NBI-Ball Agreement, after which DEAT would table the Biodiversity Bill.

The Plastic Bags Regulations discussions were intensive.

Plastic bag regulations

Regulations regarding the banning of plastic bags thinner than 80 microns were tabled at Nedlac in September 2000. It was agreed that research into the socio-economic impact of the proposed regulations be undertaken. The Task Team received the final report from the consultants on 26 September 2001.

Government subsequently tabled a new version of the Draft Regulations. The task team, as well as a Technical Task Team met intensively over a two-week period to try to reach agreement. It was then agreed that Government would continue to engage bilaterally with the parties. At the end of the year under review, Government had not yet published the regulations.

Mineral and Energy Legislation

The Draft Mineral Development Bill was tabled at the Trade and Industry Chamber in March 2001. Labour and Business were not able to agree on any aspects of the Bill. Government then withdrew the Bill, and, at the end of the year under review, was expected to table a draft Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Bill.

SACU/CITA Process

Government briefed the Chamber on progress with regards to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and the Commission for International Trade Agreements (CITA). A sub-committee on SACU/CITA was established.

Fund for Research into Industrial Development, Growth and Equity (*Fridge*):

Studies completed in 2001

- Silicon Based High Technology Cluster Marketing Assessment Scoping Study (April 2001)
- Review of the South African Standards, Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Metrology (SQAM) Infrastructure (April 2001)
- Study to Examine Practical Aspects Relating to a "Buy South Africa" Campaign (March 2001)
- Proudly South African Campaign Follow Up Project (September 2001)
- Study to Examine the Global Marketing of South African Jewellery (July 2001)
- Study to Examine the Potential Impacts of the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change (August 2001)
- Study to Examine the Economic Impact of the Proposed Plastic Bag Regulations (November 2001)
- Wool and Mohair Cluster Co-ordinator – January to December 2001

Studies in progress

- Trade Liberalisation Aspects of the EU-RSA Trade Development & Co-operation Agreement – Identifying Vulnerable Sectors of the RSA Economy & EU Non Tariff Barriers (to be completed February 2002)
- Jewellery Cluster Facilitator
- The Study to Examine the Intermediate Stainless Steel Products Industry for the Production of Blanks, Pressings and Components Parts
- The Study to Establish a Method of Increasing the Marketing and Distribution of Stainless Steel Products Globally Through Collaborative e-Business

Studies in Tender Process

- The Study to Examine the Feasibility of Eco-labelling in South Africa

Studies Approved by the FRIDGE Sub-committee

- The Study to Examine the Socio-economic Impact of the Phasing-Out of Asbestos
- The Study to Facilitate the Formulation of an Integrated Strategy for the Retention and Creation of Employment in the South African Metal and Engineering Industry
- Clean Development Mechanism Investment Strategy for South Africa
- The Study to Examine the Impact of the Mercosur Trade Agreement on South Africa.

Trade and Industry delegates

Business

Andre Lamprecht (Convenor)	Laurraine Lotter	Michael McDonald
Boetie Letsoela	Hans van der Merwe	Peggy Drodskie
Roger Baxter	Kedi Mabotja	Rudy Rashama
Pannie Botha	Cleo Mtshali	Riaan de Lange
Reggie Hlongwane		

Labour

Tony Ehrenreich (Convenor)	Jan Volschenk	Chaka Leepo
Slumko Nondwangu	Bafana Ndebele	Japan Mthembu
Tanya van Meelis	Pasco Dyani	Angie Moeng
Joseph Nkosi	Martin Paulsen	Jannie Volkschenk

Government

Bahle Sibisi (Convenor)	John Davies	Sagay Moodliar
Gerda van Dijk	Karl Lingenfelder	Tshenge Demana
Mameetse Masemola	Lionel October	Sifiso Ngwenya
Peter Draper	Seth Mogapi	Rolf Otto
Tshidiso Matona	Shenaaz Ebrahim	

Fridge Sub Committee

Government

Bahle Sibisi	Sagay Moodliar	Tshenge Demana
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Labour

Tanya van Meelis	Jeffrey Nduma
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Business

Laurraine Lotter	Michael McDonald
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Project Title	Business	Government	Labour
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