

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; and the associated institutions of delivery.

In seeking to meet these objectives, the Development Chamber produced the following:

OUTCOMES

From the period 1 April 2002 to 30 March 2003, the Chamber held

- 7 Chamber meetings
- 5 Education task team meetings
- 3 HIV-AIDS task team meetings
- 9 Social Security task team meetings (joint)
- 4 Civil Society task team meetings
- 1 Local Government task team meeting
- 3 WSSD task team meetings (joint)
- 1 Co-operatives task team meeting
- 1 Civil Society summit

(34 meetings of which 12 joint)

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

A highlight of the Chamber's work in 2002 was the successful holding of a civil society summit, which looked specifically at participation of civil society in the implementation of the Cotonou agreement, but also at the state of the civil society platform in general.

Significant work was also done on the report on Social Security, following the tabling of the Taylor Commission's report, and the report on the transformation of Higher Education.

South Africa was also proud to host the globally acclaimed World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in September, to which the Development Chamber made an important contribution, particularly with regards to civil society participation.

A highlight was the
civil society summit

As has been mentioned elsewhere in the report, the extra resources that these processes utilised during the first half of the financial year meant that activities had to be curtailed in the second half of the year.

HIV/AIDS

The task team met to review research that had been conducted on workplace best practices and best practices for the unemployed and people living in rural areas. It was felt that this was not comprehensive enough to publish as a Nedlac report, and so was kept for internal use only. The HIV/Aids issue was then transferred to a task team formed under the Management Committee to consider a National Agreement on the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/Aids.

Housing

The Chamber attempted to obtain the Community Re-investment Bill from the Department of Housing, but the Department indicated that Nedlac parties would only be able to make inputs during hearings after the Parliamentary tabling.

Civil Society Summit

The task team held several meetings before the summit. A successful Civil Society Summit was held on 12-13 August 2002 in Johannesburg. Civil society groupings agreed on the need to improve participation of civil society organisations within Nedlac and other relevant institutions as well as the need to ensure that civil society organisations engage proactively in the influencing and monitoring of the New Cotonou Agreement. This is the trade and aid agreement between the European Union and the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries which replaced the Lomé agreement.

Under the broad heading of the implications of the implementation of the New Cotonou Agreement for civil society in our country, Africa and developing countries in general, the summit debated issues such as good governance, development financing and trade, the relationship between Nedlac and the European Union's Economic and Social Council, Ecosoc.

The Summit adopted a wide-ranging declaration, which covered issues such as:

- the need to build capacity of civil society, through, inter alia, forming partnerships with NEDLAC, the ACP Secretariat and the European Union
- Government's responsibility to promote inclusivity of stakeholder representation in all its programmes and projects;

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- the need to link trade policy to industrial strategy and development policies, to ensure rural and urban development issues are also advanced through trade promotion;
- Resolving to link with civil society structures in SADC and the African Continent

The Summit further resolved to establish a national civil society forum and to convene the Summit annually to consider progress being made on the ACP-EU implementation process.

Education

A Nedlac draft report on the transformation of Higher Education was prepared based on the constituency inputs.

Property Rates Bill

The Chamber has still been awaiting the tabling of the 12th draft of the Property Rates Bill for consideration.

Water Services White Paper Review

It was agreed that the task team would comment on the 1st draft of the White Paper as soon as it was available. The Regulations (under Water Services Act 108 of 1997) would be amended subject to changes made on the White Paper. The White Paper was not, however, tabled during the period under review, but work has started in the new financial year.

Water Services Provider Contract Regulations

Community and Labour held bilaterals with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry in order to try to resolve areas of reservations. Some issues were referred to the Treasury and the Department of Provincial and Local Government. A response was awaited from these two departments.

National Skills Development Strategy

Monitoring the implementation of the National Skills Development Strategy, with particular focus on women, disabled and youth, will be taken up in the new financial year.

Presidential Job Summit Agreements

Despite a request for a comprehensive presentation by the Presidency on progress in the implementation of targets for special groups, this did not take place in the year under review.

DEVELOPMENT CHAMBER DELEGATES**Community**

Fadila Lagadien (convenor)	Benjamin Mokgothu	Dumisani Mthlane
Laura Kganyago	Petronella Linders	Ali Maziya
Sibongile Maswanganye	Kwedi Mkhali	
Sizwe Shezi	Mpho Mojanaga	

Labour

Noluthando Sibiya (convenor)	Joyce Pekane	Jake Dikobo
Randall Howard	Josephilda Nhlapo-Hlope	Narius Moloto
Welile Noling	Jacqueline Mpolokeng	Dawn Le Roux
Xolile Nxu	Elliot Nduzulwana	
Carmen Japhta	Zack Mankge	

Business

Errence Vilakazi (convenor)	Prince Maluleke	Teddy Matsitela
Francis Antonie	Marlene Bossett	David Cooper
Koos du Toit	Peter Rautenbach	

Government

Elroy Jacobs (convenor)	Sibongile Gumede
Zama Nofemela	Sello Mosai

EDUCATION TASK TEAM**Community**

Lindi Myeza	Thami Ngcokwana	Zola Sapeta
Dumisani Mthlane	Kwedi Mkalipi	

Government

Elroy Jacobs

Labour

Thabiso Motaung	Josephilda Nhlapo-Hlope	Soraya Jawodien
Ray Japhta	A Hartzenburg	BB Cupido
Jacob Dikobo		

Business

Kedi Mabotja	Andre Dippenaar	Mike Booth
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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

In seeking to meet these objectives, the Labour Market Chamber produced the following:

OUTCOMES

From the period 1 April 2002 to 30 March 2003, the Chamber held

- 8 Chamber meetings
- 11 meetings of the Demarcation Standing Committee
- 2 meetings of the Immigration Committee
- 2 meetings of the ILO/ Solve programme
- 1 meeting of the Productivity Accord task team
- 1 meeting of the ILO Maternity Protection task team
- 6 meetings for the Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court task team
- 9 meetings of the Social Security Task Team (joint)

(40 meetings of which 9 joint)

The Demarcation Standing Committee was the busiest structure in the chamber

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

The Labour Market Chamber had a relatively quiet year, with no large pieces of legislation tabled for discussion. The Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court task team met intensively over a short period to discuss changes to the way these courts function. Although a report on the Immigration Bill was concluded, the Department of Home Affairs failed to respond to requests to bring the regulations to the Act to the Task Team. The Demarcation Standing Committee was the busiest structure in the chamber.

Demarcation

The role of the demarcation standing committee is to consider applications for the establishment of Bargaining Councils, or variation of the scope of bargaining councils.

The Chamber recommended the following demarcations:

- Application for the variation of scope of the Bargaining Council for the Furniture Manufacturing industry.

- Application for the Establishment of a new Bargaining Council for the Motor Ferry Industry.
- The Variation of scope of the registration of a Bargaining Council from the Bargaining Council for the Meat Trade (Gauteng).
- In the demarcation dispute between SACTWU & FELTEX Ltd, Nedlac supported the CCMA's provisional award issued by Commissioner Prof. AJ Rycroft.
- The variation of scope of the National Bargaining Council for the Clothing Manufacturing Industry.
- Variation of scope: Bargaining Council for the Sugar Manufacturing & Refining Industry.
- In the demarcation dispute between the National Bargaining Council for the Road Freight Industry & Coin Security Group, Nedlac supported the Provisional award by Senior Commissioner Kate Savage.

Productivity

The Productivity Accord task team was set up to consult and negotiate regarding the development of a productivity accord.

In that the National Productivity Institute was in the process of completing a research paper on productivity, the task team agreed to wait until this was finished before moving forward.

Immigration

The Labour Market Chamber task team on Immigration focused particularly on linkages between immigration policy and relevant labour legislation. A draft Nedlac report was prepared, but the process was not completed. The Act was subsequently passed by Parliament, and, despite a commitment to table regulations at Nedlac for discussion, the Department of Home Affairs failed to do so.

ILO/ Solve Programme

Nedlac was approached by the International Labour Organisation Solve programme to help facilitate meetings for the project. After discussions within constituencies, it was agreed that this did not fall within Nedlac's mandate.

ILO/ Maternity Protection

The International Labour Organisation Convention on Maternity Protection was discussed by the task team with a view to the Chamber and other structures of Nedlac recommending ratification of the Convention.

Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court

The Chamber formed a task team to discuss the restructuring of the Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court. At the end of the period under review, a document reflecting the recommendations was being drafted by the Department of Justice and Nedlac.

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

National Fire Brigade Board	Essential Services Committee
Compensation Board	South African Qualifications Authority
National Skills Authority	Commission for Employment Equity
Unemployment Insurance Board	Social Plan and Productivity Advisory Council of the NPI
Employment Conditions Commission	
CCMA Governing Body	

CHAMBER DELEGATES

Business

Vic van Vuuren (convenor)	Fanie Ernst	Kaiser Moyane
Elize Strydom	Aubrey Tshalata	Chicco Mofolo
Brian Angus	Gerrie Bezuidenhout	Tanya Cohen
Kobus Kleynhans	Colin de Kock	

Labour

Bengeza Mthombeni (convenor)	Siphiwo Gangca	Louisa Thipe
Leon Grobler	Kagiso Moleme	Andre Venter
	Mduduzi Mbongwe	

Government

Les KettleDas (convenor)	Adrienne Bird	Mcedisi Magwentshu
Thembinkosi Mkalipi	Nerine Kahn	
Sagren Govender	Shakes Mkhonto	

DEMARICATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Labour

Chez Milani	Bengeza Mthombeni
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Business

Dave Carson	Fanie Ernst
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Government

Thembinkosi Mkalipi	Hennie Slabbert
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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.

In seeking to meet these objectives, the Public Finance and Monetary Policy Chamber produced the following:

OUTCOMES

From the period 1 April 2002 to 30 March 2003, the Chamber held

- 2 Chamber meetings
- 2 Budget Policy sessions
- 1 meeting to discuss the Draft Supply Chain Management Framework (joint with TIC)
- 7 meetings of the Financial Sector Transformation and Diversification Task Team
- 6 meetings of the Financial Sector Transformation and Diversification Steering Committee
- 1 weekend International Workshop
- 1-day Financial Sector Summit
- 2 meetings of the Financial Sector Transformation Research Task Team

(22 meetings, of which one joint)

The highlight of the year was the Financial Sector Transformation Summit

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

The highlight of the year in the Chamber was the Financial Sector Transformation Summit, which was successfully held in August 2002. A number of agreements were reached. The task team subsequently continued its work to ensure the implementation of the summit agreements. Budget constraints prevented the Chamber from tackling new issues, but a work programme for the 2003/2004 year has been agreed.

Budget Policy Sessions

Two budget policy sessions were held in 2002/2003. One was a national budget policy review session with the Minister of Finance after the budget had been presented in Parliament. The other was a policy session on the Medium Term Budget Policy Framework held on 3 December 2002. All constituencies presented position papers on the Medium Term Budget Policy Framework.

Transformation and Diversification of the Financial Sector

A significant amount of work was done in the year under review on the transformation of

the Financial Sector. The process included an International Financial workshop, to which constituencies nominated delegates to invite.

The topics for discussion and the speakers were the following:

THIRD TIER BANKING SECTOR

Arthur Arnold, the Netherlands, CEO of the World Council of Credit Unions Inc.

Henry Jackelen, Brazil, Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Brazil.

Carlos Salas Páez, Mexico, Department of Sociology, Metropolitan Autonomous University.

Paul Murgatroyd, United States, World Bank Lead Specialist for Finance in the Africa Region.

SMME'S

Betty Wilkinson, United States, Associate Director, Centre for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS).

Jenny Hoffman, South Africa, CEO of TEBA bank.

Sizwe Tati, South Africa, CEO of Khula Enterprise Finance.

CAPITAL MARKETS AND INVESTMENTS

Gerald Epstein, United States, Professor of Economics and Co-director of Political Economy Research Institute; University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Jens Reinke, United Kingdom, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Research into Economics and Finance in Southern Africa at the London School of Economics.

Roger Manring, United States, a senior vice president at Nathan Associates.

SAVINGS

Robert Pollin, United States, Professor of Economics and Co-director of Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

J D Von Pischke, United States, President of Frontier Finance International Inc.

OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS (REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT)

Charles Cadwell, United States, Chair and Principle Investigator of the IRIS Centre at the University of Maryland

Gill Marcus, South Africa, Deputy Governor of the South African Reserve Bank.

Financial Sector Summit

The Financial Sector Transformation Summit was held in August 2002 where a number of agreements were reached.

Key agreements were the following:

- The regulation of credit bureaus to ensure that they provide reliable and appropriate information to lenders.
- The establishment of enabling legislation for cooperative banks, and proposals on support for co-operative banks and non-profit micro-credit schemes.
- The development of measures to end unfair discrimination in the financial sector
- Development of proposals to guide investment into developmental investment
- A joint analysis of the state-owned financial institutions to see how they can contribute more to development aims
- An agreement to jointly assess the regulatory framework, and
- Develop proposals for an initiative to increase savings
- Development of mechanisms and timeframes to ensure access to basic financial services and to achieve universal access
- Develop proposals to ensure that private sector capital and financial markets supports investment for social and economic development

For the year under review the chamber agreed to prioritise the implementation of the summit agreements. To implement these agreements, the Task Team appointed a Steering Committee tasked with the implementation processes. The Steering Committee further appointed a Research Task Team to co-ordinate all research needs related to the implementation of the agreements.

CHAMBER DELEGATES

Business

Dennis Dykes (convenor)	Tom Main	Nico Vermeulen
Jim Buys (previous convenor)	Dawie Roodt	Sipho Mseleku
Rudolf Gouws	Richard Downing	Themba Pasiwe

Government

Elias Masilela (convenor)	V. Mamba	Shirley Robinson
Kuben Naidoo	J. van den Heever	

Labour

Edwin Pillay (convenor)	Alinah Rantsolase	Gary Wilson
Roger Ronnie	Neva Makgetla	
Vusi Nhlapo	A G. Ueckermann	
Neil Coleman	Z. Marimuthu	

FINANCIAL SECTOR TRANSFORMATION TASK TEAM

Community

David Masondo (lead negotiator)	Shamiela Garnie	Muzi Maziya
David De Jong	Patson Ngwevela	Pat Horn

Labour

Neva Makgetla (lead negotiator)	Tebogo Phadu	Fiona Tregenna
Jan Mahlangu		

Business

Cas Coovadia (lead negotiator)	Jim Buys	Caroline da Silva
Yvonne Themba	Gerhardt Joubert	Dennis Dykes
Rudolf Gouws	Debra Marsden	Benny Mlaba
Jacques Laubscher	Dudu Msomi	Nkosana Mashiya
Richard Thatcher	Chris Loewald	

Government

Elias Masilela (lead negotiator)	Chris Malan	Yukani Mamba
Kuben Naidoo	Sunday Mahlangu	Neren Rau
Johan Van Den Heever	Johan Delpont	Trevor Bangane

FINANCIAL SECTOR TRANSFORMATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Community

Sharmielá Garnie

David de Jong

Rob Davies

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Neva Makgetla

Jan Mahlangu

Business

Debra Marsden

Mike Jackson

Cas Coovadia

Dudu Msomi (alternate)

Government

Elias Masilela

Johan Delpört

Nkosana Mashiya

**FINANCIAL SECTOR TRANSFORMATION STEERING COMMITTEE
RESEARCH TASK TEAM**

Community

Mzwanele Mayekiso

Labour

Neva Makgetla

Business

Dudu Msomi

Government

Nkosana Mashiya

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.

In seeking to meet these objectives, the Trade and Industry Chamber produced the following:

OUTCOMES

From the period 1 April 2002 to 30 March 2003, the Chamber held

- 9 Chamber meetings
- 4 Industrial Strategy meetings
- 5 Teselico meetings
- 7 Sector summit task team meetings
- 20 ICT sector summit task team and steering committee meetings
- 5 Metals and Engineering sector summit meetings
- 10 Fridge meetings
- 2 Procurement task team meetings (one joint)
- 1 Co-operatives meeting (joint)
- 1 Plastic Bags task team meeting
- 3 Chemicals Sector Summit task team meetings
- 4 meetings to discuss Sacu/Cita

(71 meetings, of which 2 joint)

Agreements, Challenges & Weaknesses

The Trade and Industry Chamber was once again the busiest of the Nedlac chambers. A highlight of the year was the ICT sector summit, which included an intensive pre-summit negotiations phase, and resulted in a significant agreement being reached between the parties. Other major issues tackled by the chamber include the Government's Integrated Manufacturing Strategy, and various trade negotiations.

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 created a sector summit steering committee which has developed an overall guideline for how sector summits should be run.

The Trade and Industry Chamber was once again the busiest of the Nedlac chambers

The Steering Committee has continued to meet to look at proposals for sector summits, and give guidance to sub-committees focussing on specific sectors.

ICT Sector Summit

A highly successful Sector Summit was held on 3-4 June 2002 in Midrand. It brought together over 600 key stakeholders in information and communications to find ways to ensure that the sector contributes to economic and social development in South Africa.

The Summit was the culmination of months of intense negotiations at Nedlac between representatives of business, labour, government (represented by the Department of Communications) and community. The following declaration was agreed at the summit:

Declaration

The Summit laid a basis for future co-operation

- by establishing agreement on overarching objectives for development in the sector
- by committing the stakeholders to continued social dialogue, facilitated by Nedlac
- by developing proposals for joint research and information to generate viable plans and strategies

The parties agree that ICT must increasingly contribute to economic growth, equity and social integration, job creation and overall development.

Communication and information are critical for a host of reasons.

- They link together economic activities, both at home and abroad
- They support social integration and interaction
- They form the basis for sound decision-making in all fields
- They are essential for democracy at all levels, by letting people input to decisions as well as making more informed decisions themselves
- They help give people access to government services
- They underpin the development of our culture and our nation

The parties agree that to monitor progress, they will develop broad targets, with realistic timeframes, so as to ensure:

- Reliable, efficient infrastructure for business
- Affordable access for poor communities, including women, youth, and people with disabilities, rural areas, key government institutions throughout the country, SMMEs and co-ops
- Increased use of ICT, based on broader access to skills, throughout our society
- That ICT contributes as much as possible to the direct and indirect creation of quality jobs and decent work

The parties have already reached agreements in the run up to the Summit. Through these agreements, the parties have committed to:

1. On-going dialogue to develop ever-stronger strategies
2. The development of targets and timeframes to monitor progress

3. Working together to identify key areas for growth and employment creation – specifically in hardware and software development, the roll out of services to all our people, broadcasting and cultural industries, and skills development for ICT
4. Joint research into additional issues such as skills needs and the impact of the market structure on universal access
5. Efforts to ensure that government and business programmes support domestic production and employment as far as possible, including through a code of procurement
6. Common action to accelerate skills development, including improving interactions with the sectoral SETAs,
7. A social plan to establish active labour market policies for the sector, minimising the burden of unemployment and ensuring broader access to jobs

The summit further resolved the following:-

1. To lend support to government plans for universal internet service and access. The details of this programme will be discussed in the post-Summit process, including developing detailed targets.
2. The development of ICT strategy should cover specific sectors such as health, education, criminal justice system and agriculture, and all spheres of government.

Based on the work so far, the parties here commit to support the spirit of these agreements in order to contribute to social and economic development in our country. To that end, they will engage in the post-Summit Nedlac process. They commit themselves to ensuring increasingly representative engagement; on that basis, improved capacity for social dialogue; and to assess all proposals on the basis of evidence on their impact on our overall objectives.

In the modern world, ICT must build the future. This process will ensure that South Africa can take on this challenge.

Metals and Engineering Sector Summit

The main objective of the summit is to find ways of retaining existing jobs and creating new ones, to maximise investment and growth in the sector and raise living standards on a broader scale. The summit has the following themes:

- Trade Regime
- Procurement and Proudly South African
- Pricing
 - Import parity pricing and other commodities in the sector
 - Scrap and Metal shortages and exports
- Social Wage
- Export Levy
- Investment and Infrastructure
- Local and Foreign Investment
- Dumping
- Research and Development
- Skills and Training

Chemical Sector Summit

At the end of the reporting period, the negotiations were in their early stages with constituencies still working on the issues that would be covered by the summit.

Industrial Strategy

Integrated Manufacturing Strategy

Government presented a new document on industrial strategy, incorporating some of the inputs of both Business and Labour entitled "Accelerating Growth and Development: the Contribution of an Integrated Manufacturing Strategy" before it was submitted to the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry. Issues for further discussion were identified as well as objectives of the strategy.

Research and Development Strategy

Government presented the Research and Development Strategy to the chamber meeting of 12 September 2002. It was agreed that the chamber would consider issues relevant to the implementation of the strategy. This was scheduled for tabling at Nedlac in April 2003.

Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Strategy

Government tabled the Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Strategy at the chamber meeting of 7 November 2002. It was agreed that the process would feed into sector summit processes as well as link both supply and demand side measures. It was also agreed that a link would be made with the Integrated Manufacturing Strategy and other Government policies. Consultations were conducted by Government bilaterally with 6 sectors and a report developed. The report will be tabled at Nedlac for consideration as soon as it becomes available.

Impact of the Phasing-out of Asbestos

Following Government's decision to ban the substance in June 1998, Nedlac conducted an impact study through FRIDGE, noting that there would be complete depletion of the substance by June 2003. The study was completed in February 2003. The chamber meeting of 6 February 2003 adopted the report and agreed to commence policy debates on the recommendations of the study. The process would inform Government's regulatory process.

Impact of Climate Change on S.A. Economy

The FRIDGE study was completed in February 2002. The chamber meeting of 20 March 2003 adopted the report to commence policy debates on the recommendations of the study.

Industrial Strategy
was a focus of the
Chamber

Biodiversity Bill

Government tabled the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Bill at Nedlac on 6 March 2002. Constituencies raised comments that were incorporated in the revised draft. The revised draft will be tabled at Nedlac after approval by Cabinet.

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Procurement Regulations

See Public Finance and Monetary Policy Chamber report.

Development of Cooperatives

See Development Chamber report.

Small and Medium Enterprises

Government presented a concept document to the Industrial Strategy task team on 29 July 2002. It stated that the document would be redrafted incorporating concerns raised at Nedlac. The redrafted document will be tabled as soon as it becomes available so as to commence further consultations.

Plastic Bag Regulations

Government tabled regulations regarding plastic bags on 9 May 2002, despite the Nedlac process still being underway. Both Business and Labour requested that Government withdraw the regulations as they did not address concerns previously raised on the issue and ignored the findings of the Fridge research report. The Nedlac process deadlocked when Government said that it could not withdraw the regulations. The matter was taken further through a Section 77 notice which culminated in an agreement being reached after a series of bilaterals outside Nedlac.

TRADE POLICY

World Trade Organisation

Nedlac engagements on the Doha Development Round commenced on 22 November 2003. Government's position on the following issues was discussed:

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| ■ TRIPS | ■ Agriculture | ■ Procurement |
| ■ TARIFFS | ■ Trade & Environment | ■ Investment |
| ■ Services | | |

Government was of the view that a concrete position could not be adopted since the modalities for the negotiations had not yet been agreed. The deadline for agreement on modalities was March 2003. Government confirmed that its positions would not move beyond national policies already in place.

Positions adopted in the WTO would be tied up to other bilaterally negotiated trade agreements, including:

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| ■ US-SACU | ■ SACU-MERCUSOR | ■ India |
| ■ SA-SADC | ■ SA-EU | ■ China and Nigeria |

US-SACU Free Trade Agreement

Government informed Nedlac of deliberations on a Free Trade Agreement with the US and tabled a concept document at a chamber meeting of 06 February. A Trade Policy negotiations meeting was held on 20 February 2003 as a follow-up to the discussion. It was agreed that update meetings would be held every 10 weeks to co-incide with the negotiating schedule agreed with negotiating partners. The first session of actual negotiations would commence on 20 April 2003.

National Commercial Ports Policy

Government drafted a White Paper on a National Commercial Ports Policy which was published in the Government Gazette dated 8 August 2002. Efforts to convene consultative meetings were unsuccessful due to the unavailability of Government. It was agreed that the White Paper would be tabled at Nedlac before the process of drafting the Bill was finalised.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Fund for Research into Industrial Development Growth and Equity (FRIDGE)

STUDIES COMPLETED IN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

- Study to Establish a Method of Increasing the Marketing and Distribution of Stainless Steel Products Globally through Collaborative e-Business.
- Jewellery Cluster Study Facilitator
- Study to Examine the Socio-economic Impact of the Phasing Out of Asbestos in South Africa
- Study to Examine the Feasibility of Eco-labelling in South Africa

STUDIES IN TENDER PROCESS

- Clean Development Mechanism
- Preliminary Feasibility Study into the Manufacture of Penicillin and Derivatives in South Africa

STUDIES IN PROGRESS

- Metals & Engineering
- Stainless Steel BPSFC
- Globally Harmonized System
- Measures to Reduce Air Pollution
- Local Content Procurement

STUDIES APPROVED, TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2003

- Mercosur Trade (leather, textile, footwear)
- Diamond
- ICT Development
- Creation of Phosphate Value Chain
- Study into the establishment of Aroma and Fragrance fine chemicals value chain
- Export and Import SADC
- Chemical Trade Study (Mercosur and SACU-USA)

CHAMBER DELEGATES**Government**

Wendy Dobson (Convenor)	Shanaaz Ebrahim	Mameetse Mphahlele
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Business

Andre Lamprecht (Convenor)	Michael McDonald	Roger Baxter
Frieda Dowie	Cleo Mtshali	Peggy Droskie
Laurraine Lotter	Pannie Botha	James Lennox
Hans van der Merwe	Riaan de Lange	

Labour

Tony Ehrenreich (Convenor)	Jeffrey Ndumo	JK Mphe
Tanya van Meelis	Bafana Ndebele	Joe Nkosi
Pasco Dyani	Jan Volkschenk	

FRIDGE DELEGATES**Labour**

Tanya van Meelis	Bafana Ndebele
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Business

Laurraine Lotter	Michael McDonald
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Government

Wendy Dobson (Chairperson)	Sam Mafadza
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TESELICO

Labour

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Masindi Mavhivha

Business

Brian Brink Michael McDonald Hans van der Merwe
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Andries Neethling

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Faizel Ismail J Mosidi William Smallberger
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PROCUREMENT

Labour

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PLASTIC BAGS

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Business

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Government

Tlharesang Mkhwanazi Howard Benkenstein Andre Kudlinsky
Lucas Mahlangu

WTO**Labour**

Neva Makgetla
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P Masombuka
Eric Watkinson

Mark Bennett
Paul Ntsobi
Themba Buthelezi
Charles Phaahla
Jeffrey Ndumo

Katishi Masemola
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Tanya van Meelis
Bafana Ndebele

Business

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Andries Neetling
Johan Pienaar

Paul Theron
Nico Vermeulen

Brian Brink
Churchill Mrasi

Government

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R Williams
Gunter Muller

Francis Moloï
Xavier Carim

R Brits
Shanaaz Ebrahim

SACU CITA**Labour**

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JOINT PROCESSES

Social Security

The joint task team between the Development Chamber and the Labour Market Chamber was reconvened to discuss the report of the Government’s Committee of Inquiry into Social Security.

The committee met intensively over June and July to finalise an interim input on the report to be tabled to the Cabinet Lekgotla in July, and agreed to substantially engage on the Committee recommendations during a second round of negotiations, after the 25 July 2002 Cabinet Lekgotla.

This engagement took place from October to early December, when the task team signed off on a draft Nedlac report. This had not however been ratified by Nedlac structures by the end of the year under review.

Nedlac discussed the report of the Government’s Committee of Inquiry into Social Security

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