



TOURISM EMPOWERMENT
COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

TECSA 2008/001 INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

Dear Tourism Transformation Stakeholders

We are kick starting our first industry news letter for the year and it's with good news. The tourism industry sector codes were ultimately gazetted for public comment on the 20th June 2008 after a long process of alignment with the dti Codes of Good Practice. The dti BEE unit together with the Minister evaluated the submission made and before signing off for gazetting there were changes made in order to bring our sector code in line with Codes of Good Practice minimum requirements. The changes were the following:

Updated Key Milestones Dates

The tourism charter had its first key milestone for evaluating progress in transformation as 2009 and the second 2012. These dates have been amended to 2012 and 2017 respectively in line with the Codes of Good Practice which were launched only last year 2007 in February.

The Council's annual monitoring and evaluation of transformation in the industry will still take place as they were mandated to do at its inception.

EME Recognition Level

The dti sighted the make up of the tourism sector as a concern where majority of establishments fell under the R5million threshold. Excluding these establishments from the principles and objectives of the tourism B-BBEE scorecard will hamper the rapid transformation of the industry as it is desired by all stakeholders.

To remedy this challenge council passed a resolution that EME's doing business with the public sector will have their compliance recognized at level 3 and not level 4. By doing this Exempt Micro Enterprises will be encouraged to at least adopt one element of the generic scorecard to implement towards the transformation of the industry.

Preferential Procurement

In the industry's submission preferential procurement was weighted at 18 points at the 2017 milestone. This weighting was increased to 20 points in line with the Codes of Good Practice minimum. Preferential procurement is viewed as a key area through which empowered and transformed enterprises will receive the necessary support to grow and thrive.

Review of comments from the public

An evaluations committee which will be responsible for reviewing comments and recommendations received from the public. The process of being set up by the dti and will consist of representatives from the dti, DEAT and TECSA. We are communicating the gazetted tourism sector codes to our MOU partners and other stakeholders to ensure there is clarity of the process during the 60 days.

All comment on the gazetted codes must be sent directly to the dti on the address options given in the gazetted document. We look forward to your interaction during the remaining 41 days.

Upcoming Events

Responsible tourism and transformation

23rd July 2008

07h30 - 13h00

Willow Park Conference Centre and Resort

Women and Transformation

7th August 2008

07h30 - 13h00

Indaba Conference Centre

Fedhasa Garden Route Road Show

Presentation by TECSA CEO: Transformation for Global Competitiveness

23rd July 2008

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Regards

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