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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Tuesday 19 August 2025 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, DW
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)
Mbombo, N
Wessels, DJ

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND
Stoffels, BN (Additional)

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apologies

Meyer, I - Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism
Stander, W - Chief Executive Officer, Wesgro

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Ms J Johnston, Head of Department
Mr R Toefy, Deputy Director-General - Economic Operations
Ms I van Schalkwyk, Acting Deputy Director-General
Mr J Peters, Chief Director - Economic Enablement
Ms C Julies, Director - Strategic and Operational Support
Ms M Ellis, Director - Red Tape Reduction
Mr G Dingaen, Director - Agri-processing
Ms G Smith, Deputy Director - Monitoring and Evaluation
Mr B Mchunu, Deputy Director - Red Tape Reduction

Mr K Morudi, Deputy Director - Business, Information and Communication Technology
Mr M van Wyk, Deputy Director Manufacturing
Ms L Brown, Deputy Director - Office of Chief Procurement Officer

WESGRO

Mr S Gcwabe, Chief Financial Officer
Ms G Darries, Chief of Staff
Mr J Stoltz, Director - Tourism
Ms L Cambouris, Deputy Director - Tourism
Mr K Morudi, Deputy Director - Tourism

Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone (FSIDZ)

Mr X Sithole, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Mr H Boneschans, Chief Financial Officer
Mr C Joseph, Executive - Marketing and Stakeholder Management
Ms K Molemane, Executive - Infrastructure and Environment
Mr G Geldenhuys, Executive - Transaction and Investor Support

Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)

Ms M Cullinan, Chief Executive Officer
Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer
Ms F Williams, Company Secretary
Ms D Jacobs, Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation Specialist
Ms A Vos, Executive - Commercial
Ms J Modipa, Executive - Special Industrial Zone Operations

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Ms A Mtimkulu, Researcher
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officers of FSIDZ and ASEZ, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube. The Chairperson outlined the purpose of the meeting and informed the Committee that the consideration and adoption of the Committee Tracking Document will be deferred to the end of September 2025.

2. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, ASEZ, Wesgro and FSIDZ on its non-financial quarterly performance for the period April – June 2025

The Department and entities briefed the Committee on its respective Quarterly Performance Reports highlighting with reason the targets that were not achieved as well as those that were partially achieved within the various programmes.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Briefing by the ASEZ on developments in the zone

The ASEZ briefed the Committee on developments in the Zone with specific reference to funding mechanisms and streams, skills development alignment, private-sector investment efforts, immediate and long-term interventions to close the funding gap, and the process of establishing a Special Economic Zone.

The Committee deliberated.

4. Resolutions/actions

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

4.1.1 Write to the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) to request a clear plan outlining how the financial sustainability and implementation readiness of projects within the Atlantis Special Economic Zone are being addressed; and

4.1.2 Request that, at its next quarterly briefing, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, together with Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), provide the Committee with a progress update in line with the Western Cape's Growth for Jobs Strategy, by presenting an analysis of Stats SA data on jobs created to date, categorised by sector, geographic location, demographic profile, and type of employment.

4.2. The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provides it with:

4.2.1 A report on the outcome per region of the Municipal Tourism and Investment Summit that was held in July 2025; and

4.2.2 The exact date of the investment summit that is scheduled to take place in November 2025.

5. General

5.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee of the NAMPO event that will be taking place from 10 – 13 September 2025 in Bredasdorp.

The Committee RESOLVED to attend the NAMPO event to engage with the event management team on the activities of NAMPO, its economic contribution to the Western Cape, and related matters.

5.2 The Chairperson informed the Committee that the request to undertake an international study visit was with the Speaker and that there was no further update.

6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 5 August 2025 which were considered and adopted.

7. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Head of Department, and departmental officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 16:19.

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MR NP MASIPA, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
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Date: 16 September 2025