



**B-BBEE ICT
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Introduction

- ❑ The B-BBEE ICT Sector Council was established in September 2015
- ❑ Minister Siyabonga Cwele launched the Council on 8 November 2016
- ❑ Since its establishment, the Council has:
 - ✓ Consulted with the ICT Industry as part of the process to Amend the Sector Code
 - ✓ Subsequently finalized the Amended Sector Code which was published in the Government Gazette on 7 November 2016
 - ✓ Completed the Interim Sector Monitoring Report
 - ✓ Interacted with various stakeholder to provide guidance on the implementation of the Amended Sector Code which took effect from the date of publication
- ❑ The Council is planning Provincial engagements with stakeholders to explain the Amended Sector Code and address challenges facing Black Economic Empowerment in the ICT Sector.
- ❑ Failure to align the Code would have required the ICT Sector to revert to the Generic Code of Good Practice which had long agreed to set higher targets

Objectives of the Council

- ❑ The custodian of the B-BBEE ICT Sector Code;
- ❑ Advise the organs of state on all matters relating to B-BBEE in the ICT sector;
- ❑ Monitor and review the implementation of the ICT Sector Code and all related matters;
- ❑ Develop and foster common standards and code of ethics in the implementation of ICT Sector Code;
- ❑ Assess, evaluate and commission research on specific areas where such research is not available;
- ❑ Responsible for the accreditation of the national ICT projects aimed at “bridging the digital divide” in conjunction with the existing bodies such as the USAASA, the Digital Divide Partnership, ICASA, the CSIR, trade unions, NGOs and other organs of civil society;
- ❑ Provide guidance on sector-specific matters affecting B-BBEE in entities in the sector
- ❑ Compile reports on the status of B-BBEE within the ICT sector

Objectives of the Council (Cont)

- ❑ Oversee, supervise and promote adherence to the Amended Sector Code in the interest of the public;
- ❑ Strengthen and foster collaboration between the public and private sector in order to promote and safeguard the objectives of the Amended Sector Code;
- ❑ Receive complaints relating to the implementation of the sector code and refer such complaints to relevant bodies including but not limited to the Line Minister, BB-BEE Commission, Department of Trade and Industry, National Prosecution Authority and Treasury;
- ❑ Maintain a registry of major broad-based economic empowerment transactions in the sector;
- ❑ Promote public awareness of the ICT Sector codes

Composition of the Council

The composition of the Council represents a broad spectrum of stakeholders in the ICT Sector:

- ❑ Broadcasting Sub-Sector
- ❑ Electronics Sub-Sector.
- ❑ Telecommunications Sub-Sector
- ❑ Information Technology sub-sector
- ❑ Sector Regulator
- ❑ Organized labour and Social partners consisting of:
 - People with Disabilities
 - Youth
 - Women

The Councilors

1. Mrs Nokuzola Ehrens (Chairperson)
2. Mr Andile Tlhoaele (Deputy Chairperson)
3. Mr Frank Awuah – Broadcasting Sub-sector
4. Ms Pheladi Gwangwa - Broadcasting Sub-sector
5. Ms Sarah-Jane Capazario – Telecommunications Sub-sector
6. Ms Miyelani Khosa – Government – Department of Communications
7. Mr Tshepang Lesiba - Labour
8. Ms Petronella Linders - Government – DTPS
9. Mr Lucky Masilela - Telecommunications Sub-sector
10. Mduduzi Mkhonza – IT Sub-Sector
11. Mr Richard Poulton - Labour
12. Mr Gavin Pieterse – IT Sub-sector
13. Ms Katharina Pillay - ICASA
14. Ms Morwesi Ramonyai – Youth
15. Mr Adrian Schofield - IT Sub-sector
16. Mr Thulani Tshefuta – Community

Milestones since Establishment

- ❑ Finalised draft amended B-BBEE ICT Sector Code on 13 November 2015 to be gazetted for public comments
- ❑ Extensive consultations with the stakeholders on the Amended Sector Code
- ❑ Consolidation of stakeholder inputs and finalised the Draft Amended Sector Code
- ❑ Approval of the Amended Sector Code by Minister of DTPS
- ❑ Approval of the Amended Sector Code for publication and implementation
- ❑ Finalisation of the Interim B-BBEE ICT Sector Monitoring Report

Stakeholder Consultations

- ❑ In Amending the B-BBEE ICT Sector Code, inputs were considered from key stakeholders, which include:
 - ✓ Telkom
 - ✓ Vodacom
 - ✓ MTN
 - ✓ Cell C
 - ✓ Neotel
 - ✓ Multichoice
 - ✓ DTI
 - ✓ Industry associations
 - ✓ SMME representatives
- ❑ The final Code was approved in accordance with the need to improve transformation in the ICT Sector and the provision of the B-BBEE Act 53 of 2003 as Amended

Amended Sector Code and Impact on SMME

- ❑ Although the Amended Code addresses broader issues of B-BBEE which are aimed at ensuring economic inclusion and development of Black business in general, it also focuses on SMME development specifically in the following areas:
 - Equity Equivalents programmes
 - Enterprise & supplier development and preferential procurement
 - Skills Development
- ❑ We are aware that the Department is finalising an SMME strategy with clearly identified interventions, and we will interact with them to ensure alignment with the Amended Sector Code strengthen transformation in the Sector.

THANK YOU