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# Establishment of the South African Council on International Relations SACOIR

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# **ESTABLISHMENT OF SACOIR**

## **Background:**

**SACOIR approved by Cabinet on Wednesday, 9 November 2011**

## ***Quote***

### **Cabinet Noted and Approved:**

- The establishment of the South African Council on International Relations (SACOIR);
- The Terms of Reference of SACOIR;
- That the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation appoint the Members of SACOIR;

## ***Unquote***





## **OBJECTIVES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SACOIR**

- To give effect to the Foreign Policy priorities as indicated in Chapter 7 of the National Development Plan (NDP) for the implementation of “practical opportunities for cooperation to tackle the problems of poverty, inequality and unemployment”;
- To take into account the President’s statement in previous State of the Nation Addresses that “Government will engage business, labour and other social partners in pursuit of solutions”;
- To serve as avenue and platform for the generation of public debate on Foreign Policy;



## **FUNCTIONING OF SACOIR**

- To operate under the DIRCO umbrella, with a supporting Secretariat;
- To host two annual Plenary Meetings and two thematic Working Group Meetings, as well as hosting an international symposium (the Johnny Makhathini Dialogue Forum) to discuss with internal and external interlocutors key foreign policy issues;
- Will comprise of up to 25 members from Academia, Business, Civil Society and Labour, who will serve in their personal capacities;
- Members will be appointed for a 3 year period and sign a contract in compliance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act.





## **SELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF SACOIR**

- DIRCO followed open process by inviting Academia, Business, Civil Society and Labour to serve on SACOIR. In November 2011 advertisements were placed in 5 national newspapers, receiving 275 applications;
- DIRCO's Executive Management Committee meeting (EMC) considered a shortlist of 25 candidates for appointment as members of SACOIR. Subsequently 5 candidates were removed from the list, due to a change in their portfolios and hence the categories in which they were nominated;
- A Cabinet Memorandum was sent to Minister to approve the following 20 candidates, in consultation with Cabinet



## **NOMINATIONS AS SACOIR MEMBERS**

### **Academia:**

- Prof Maxi Schoeman - UP
- Prof Anthoni Van Nieuwkerk - Wits
- Dr Siphamandla Zondi - IGD
- Prof Shamil Jeppie - UCT
- Prof Sekgothe Mokgoatsana – Univ of Limpopo



## **NOMINATIONS AS SACOIR MEMBERS (CONT)**

### **Business:**

- Ms Chichi Maponya
- Ms Danisa Baloyi
- Dr Thandi Cynthia Ndlovu
- Ms Nonhlanhla Mjoli-Mncube
- Mr Billy Masetlha





## **NOMINATIONS AS SACOIR MEMBERS (CONT)**

### **Civil Society:**

- Dr Somadoda Fikeni
- General Moyo Mudau
- Mr Aziz Pahad
- Mr Tshepo Mashiane
- Amb Griffiths Mandlenkosi Memela
- Mr Jimmy Gotyana
- Mr Kenny Morolong





## **NOMINATIONS AS SACOIR MEMBERS (CONT)**

### **Labour:**

- Mr Dennis George
- Mr Bongani Masuku
- Mr Joel Mfingwana



## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

- Upon approval, SACOIR members will receive Letters of Appointment with their 3-year contract attached;
- Operations will be guided by SACOIR's Terms of Reference;
- SACOIR to be officially launched during 2015 at a gala event, where after the first Plenary Meeting will take place;



## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Total Budget for SACOIR in 2014/2015 is **R 1.837.875.00**;
- DIRCO will source funding under a separate budget item;
- Members of SACOIR to be remunerated on an hourly basis per National Treasury guidelines:
  - Chairperson (R 3 584 per day/R 448 per hour)
  - Members (R 2 176 per day/R 272 per hour)
- Special research stipend outside official meetings
  - All members (R 1 000 per hour/max 8 hours p.a.)





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**Thank You**



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