**National Assembly and National Council of Provinces**

**Report of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Appointment of Board Members to the National Youth Development Agency, Dated 30 March 2016.**

The Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Appointment of Board Members to the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), having considered all the nominations on 30 March 2016 for persons to serve on the Board, reports as follows:

**1. Background**

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) was established in 2009, following a merger between Umsobomvu Youth Fund and the National Youth Commission. The NYDA derives its mandate from the legislative frameworks, including the National Youth Development Agency Act, 2008 (Act 54 of 2008) (NYDA Act), the National Youth Policy (2009–2014) and the Integrated Youth Development Strategy.

In terms of section 9 of the NYDA Act, the Board consists of seven members, two of who are executive directors. Members of the Board hold office for a period of three years and are appointed by the President on the recommendation of Parliament.

The term of office of the current Board expires on 31 March 2016. This report provides information about the procedure followed during the selection and appointment process of the next NYDA Board Members.

**2. Composition of Membership of Ad Hoc Joint Committee**

The following Members have been nominated to serve on the Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Appointment of Board Members to the National Youth Development Agency.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**African National Congress**

Mapulane, Mr MP

Mabe, Ms BP

Mkongi, Mr BM

Lesoma, Ms RMM

Mokoto, Ms NR

Manana, Ms DP

**Democratic Alliance**

Cassim, Mr Y

Marais, Mr EJ

**Economic Freedom Fighters**

Ndlozi, Mr MQ

**Inkatha Freedom Party**

Hlengwa, Mr M

**National Freedom Party**

Mncwabe, Mr SC

**African Independent Congress**

Jafta, Mr SM [Alternate]

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**African National Congress**

Ncitha, Ms Z (Eastern Cape)

Mohapi, Mr MJ (Free State)

Motara, Ms T (Gauteng)

Mhlanga, Mr MT (Mpumalanga)

Nthebe, Mr BG (North West)

Manopole, Ms GM (Northern Cape)

**Democratic Alliance**

Mpambo-Sibhukwana, Ms GM (Western Cape)

**Economic Freedom Fighters**

Mtileni, Mr VE

**Inkatha Freedom Party**

Khawula, Mr M (KwaZulu-Natal)

**3. The Procedure**

The Ad Hoc Joint Committee was established in terms of Joint Rule 142, based on the ATC dated 23rd February 2016. The Co-Chairpersons where appointed on the 2nd March 2016, with the Ad Hoc Joint Committee programme being adopted.

An advertisement calling for nominations for persons to serve on the Board was initially published in the parliamentary website from 04 - 06 March 2016. The deadline for submissions was 08 March 2016, with both Houses of Parliament concluding their businesses in this regard on 15 March 2016. The Ad Hoc Joint Committee felt that the period given for the whole process was not sufficient, and it was resolved that the Presiding Officers of both Houses of Parliament be engaged, and a legal opinion be obtained.

On 07 March 2016, a legal opinion from the Constitutional and Legal Services in Parliament was obtained, wherein it dealt with the reasonableness of the deadline for the appointment of the NYDA Board Members. In essence, the advice obtained was for the Ad Hoc Joint Committee to also consider the other 117 nominations received by the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration in December 2015, in order to supplement the recent March 2016 call for nominations.

Following the approval of the extension of the term of office by both Houses of Parliament, the closing date for the advert was extended until 17 March 2016. A total of 131 applications were received.

On 23 March 2016, the Ad Hoc Joint Committee undertook the process of shortlisting the candidates for interviews. Following a rigorous process of shortlisting, the Ad Hoc Joint Committee discharged its duties conscientiously and with all due regard to the requirements of thoroughness, fairness and propriety. It was then unanimously resolved that a total of 12 candidates be invited for interviews.

On 29 March 2016, the Ad Hoc Joint Committee interviewed all candidates, who were questioned on the same areas relevant to the role, and they were all assessed based on the essential criteria for the role of NYDA Board Member. Each Member present of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee was given the responsibility of scoring all candidates.

**4. Recommendations**

The Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Appointment of Board Members to the National Youth Development Agency, recommends the following seven candidates to be appointed to serve as Board Members in the NYDA:

(1). Mr Thulani Tshefuta

(2). Mr Yershen Pillay

(3). Ms Bavelile Hlongwa

(4). Mr Thembinkosi Josophu

(5). Mr Ndumiso Mokako

(6). Ms Zandile Majozi

(7). Ms Naledi Maponopono

Report to be considered.