**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**“13. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**(a) What are the full relevant details of the process followed in the appointment of a certain company (name furnished) as the organiser of the Global Entrepreneurship Congress due to be held in Johannesburg in 2017, (b) by what date will the speaker programme be (i) finalised and (ii) made available to the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development and (c) what role is being played by the City of Johannesburg in the specified congress?”**

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**REPLY:**

1. Sustainable Entrepreneur Accelerator (SEA) Africa was not appointed by Department of Small Business Development (DSBD). The organisation took the initiative of bidding for South Africa to host the Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) to be held in Johannesburg in 2017. The Minister responsible for Small Business Development was requested by the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) to receive the award when the City of Johannesburg was announced as the winner of the bid and subsequently requested her to be the Patron of the event.
2. The programme was finalised and circulated to all stakeholders. The Cabinet Memo regarding the GEC was tabled for information by the Minister in February 2017.

c) The City of Johannesburg was part of the team responsible for organising the event and represented in the Local Organising Committee (LOC).