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National House of Traditional Leaders (NHTL): Strategic Plan 2012 - 2015

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Mandate of the NHTL

- NHTL derives its mandate from the Constitution Act, 1996 and National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 2009
- The Constitution provides for the establishment of the House, determines powers, duties and responsibilities of the House, provide for support to the House by government, provide for the relationship between the House and the provincial houses, provide for the accountability of the House and provide for any other matters connected therewith
 - The Act provides that the NHTL may advise National Government and make recommendations related to policy and legislation regarding traditional leadership; the role of traditional leaders, customary law and the customs of communities observing customary law
 - The NHTL must form cooperative relations and partnerships with government at national level, institutions of higher learning and other related institutions in development and service delivery

Mandate of the NHTL (Cont.)

Furthermore, section 11 of the National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 2009 (Act No. 23 of 2009), provides that the NHTL is responsible for :

- Indigenous knowledge systems, culture and values
- Provision of social cohesiveness
- Development of national policies and legislation jointly with key departments on issues related to traditional affairs, and to monitor the implementation thereof
- Sharing information and build capacity to other traditional leaders other than in the House

Vision Statement

- Promote the development of the rural and traditional communities;
- Participate in legislative and policy processes;
- Ensure that the dignity of the institution of traditional leadership is restored, enhanced and preserved in the Republic South Africa(RSA) and globally;
- Develop programs to address its capacity related challenges; and
- Promote the preservation of African languages and cultures in line with sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution.

Strategic Priorities for 2012 - 2015

The NHTL will strive towards the achievement of the following key strategic priorities for the period under review.

- To promote cooperation between provincial houses and the National House of Traditional Leaders in order for the houses to achieve their goals;
- To promote effective involvement of Traditional Leadership on matters of service delivery and rural development;
- To promote effective participation in policy and legislation development and implementation affecting traditional leadership, and
- To promote the custodianship of culture, customs, traditions and values in communities.

Strategic Objective 1: To promote cooperation between the House and provincial houses to achieve their goals

Projects for the strategic objective are:

1. To convene a biannual meeting with all Kings and Queens in order to promote good working relations and cooperation. The meeting intends to discuss the following:
 - The activities and programmes of the House
 - Matters of interest to the House and Kings / Queens
 - Matters relating to service delivery and development of traditional communities
 - Any other business proposed or identified by either party and agreed to by both parties.

Strategic Objective 1: To promote cooperation between the House and provincial houses to achieve their goals

2. To convene an Annual Conference of Traditional Leaders
3. To develop a calendar of events for the House
4. To identify, monitor and evaluate service delivery projects in traditional communities.

Strategic Objective 2: To promote effective involvement of Traditional Leadership in service delivery and rural development matters

The project for the strategic objective is to form cooperative relationship and partnership with government for accelerated development and service delivery

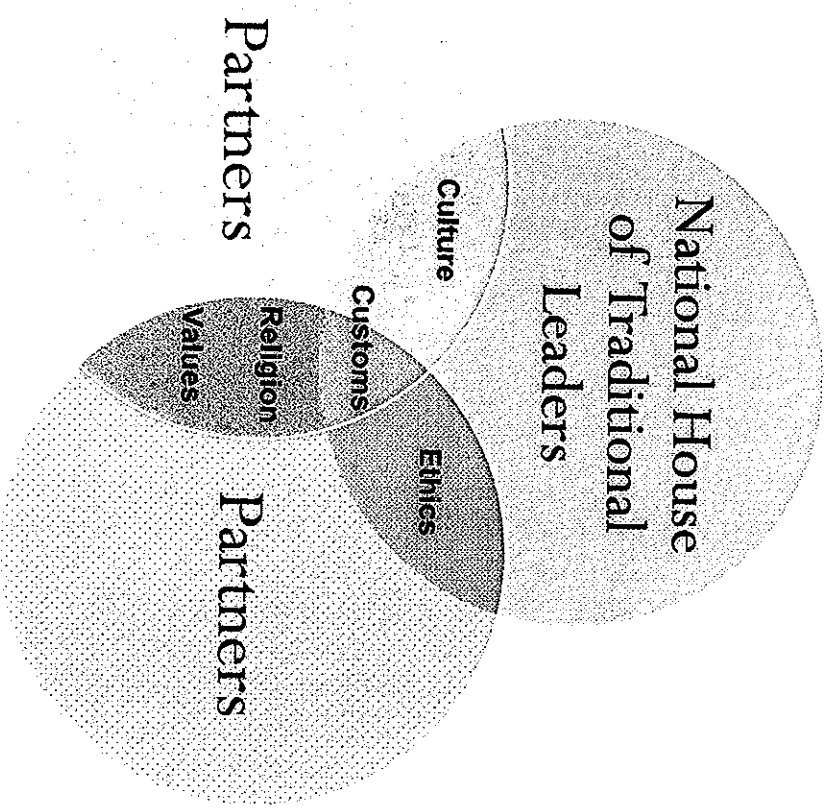
Strategic Objective 3: To promote effective participation in policy and legislation development and implementation

The project for the strategic objective is to develop a position paper for all policies and legislation referred to the House for inputs and comments.

Strategic Objective 4: To promote custodianship of culture, customs, traditions and values of traditional communities

The project for the strategic objective is to engage relevant government departments and partners that deal with issues of culture, heritage and language

Areas of Collaboration and Partnership



PROPOSED INITIATIVES

- The NHTL will work with and through Provincial HTL to promote coherence and unity for a purpose. The following will receive attention during the period under review.
- **Outreach Programmes** - NHTL Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to visit provinces for strategic interaction.
- **Stakeholder Engagement** – NHTL Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson plan a high level engagement with three (3) key stakeholders, National Working Committee, the Ruling Party at national level and SALGA. The engagement will provide a platform to share NHTL vision and to define the working relationship to deliver on the mandate.
- **Consideration of MoUs** – Need to re-visit existing MoUs with stakeholders.

PROPOSED INITIATIVES (Cont.)

- **Strategic *Lekgotla* with Provincial HTL** – Consideration of plans, achievements, challenges, interventions and way forward.
- **Summit** – Arrange stakeholder Summit to build and strengthen traditional leadership as the custodian and champion of traditional affairs.
- **Building of Institutional Integrity** – Availability of tools of trade and appropriate resources.
- **NHTL providing central and national coordination and strategic leadership.**

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