

Media Statement

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GSCID Cluster Convenes to Recommend Key Policies for Cabinet Consideration

The Governance, State Capacity, and Institutional Development (GSCID) Cluster, co-chaired by Acting DG of the DPSA, Mr. Willie Vukela, and DG of DPME, Mr. Robert Nkuna, yesterday convened to discuss and recommend to Cabinet key policies aimed at enhancing governance and institutional frameworks across South Africa.

1. National Artificial Intelligence Policy

The Department of Communications and Digital Technologies has made significant progress in the development of the National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy. This initiative seeks to harness the transformative potential of AI for innovation, job creation, and improved quality of life. The GSCID Directors General have approved the policy to proceed to Cabinet for consideration, followed by public comment to ensure broad stakeholder engagement. Key benefits of the policy include increased uptake of AI technologies, enhanced governance capacity, and improved access to AI education.

2. Framework for Spatialisation of Institutional Planning

The Cluster has approved for Cabinet tabling the Framework for the Spatialisation of Institutional Planning, developed by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME). This framework seeks to integrate spatial data into planning processes, thereby improving decision-making and resource allocation. Extensive stakeholder consultation has been conducted, and the initiative is expected to enhance service delivery and institutional performance across government.

3. Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill, 2025

The GSCID Cluster has also approved for Cabinet tabling the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill, 2025, proposed by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA). This critical legislation aims to ensure the statutory recognition of traditional and Khoi-San communities and leaders, building on the 2019 Act. Key provisions include 50% women representation in leadership councils, inclusion of youth and people with disabilities, and strengthened public accountability mechanisms. The Bill will proceed to Cabinet for further consideration.

4. Draft Home Affairs Bill, 2025

Additionally, the GSCID Cluster has approved the cabinet tabling of the draft Home Affairs Bill, 2025, prepared by the Department of Home Affairs. This Bill aims to reposition the department as a secure and modern organization, establishing a Law Enforcement Unit to combat illegal migration, fraud, and corruption. The draft Bill will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval to publish in the Government Gazette for public consultation.

The GSCID Cluster is dedicated to promoting inclusive governance and ensuring these initiatives reflect the needs and aspirations of all South Africans. We encourage stakeholders and the public to actively participate in the upcoming consultation processes.

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