

CONCERNS BY THE COMMITTEE

MARCH 14

- **Kingship/Queenship**

- The Commission is still investigating the matter and has not yet released its report.
- The Department (DPLG) is working on the regulations on kings and queens.
- The NHTL believes that the completion of the regulations will give clarity and improve the co-operation and the roles of kings and queens

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- **Continental House of Traditional Leaders**

- The establishment of the COHTLA will ensure that Traditional Leaders of Africa contribute in the governance of the Continent through inputs to the AU, PAP, NEPAD CPA and other relevant Continental formation.
- It will further work on re-building the morality of the people of the continent through sound cultural and customary values
- There is a lot of work done in this regard and it is believed that the COHTLA will be established in 2007

STRATEGY OF THE NHTL

- The NHTL developed a strategy that has four Goals namely:
 - **Advancement of Service Delivery**
 - **Custodianship of Culture, Custom, Tradition and values**
 - **Proactive Communication**
 - **Targeted Capacity Building to HTL's and Institutions of Traditional Leadership**

Strategy continues

- Goal 01
 - The transformation of traditional authorities to traditional councils falls within this goal.
 - We have conducted a stakeholder meeting but it was not as successful as it was thought.
 - The NHTL will invite all the Departments listed in chapter 5 of the Framework Act in the conference scheduled for mid-December this year.
 - We believe that the conference will come out with concrete resolution regarding the implementation of policies and laws. The committee will be invited to the conference to contribute and advise accordingly

Strategy continues

- Goal 01
 - The Social Development Committee has formed a forum as mentioned in slide 11.
 - The agreement with all traditional leaders is that AmaKhosi will always talk about the HIV and AIDS scourge in their Izimbizos, the offices of AmaKhosi will distribute condoms as part of fulfilling the ABC strategy
 - Partnerships are being negotiated with Heritage resource agency which will improve of cultural engagements and the one with NPA and Justice Department is yielding results.

Strategy continues

- As mentioned earlier, traditional leaders are treated differently by their Provinces and Municipalities.
- Some Provinces like Mpumalanga, Northwest involves traditional leaders from the PGDS, IDP's etc. This participation encourages and ensures that development becomes an all inclusive process.
- The inclusivity is what the NHTL is encouraging and is as per the resolution of the conference held in Mpumalanga last year (2005)

Strategy continues

- COHTLA

- The NHTL has visited some countries and is now ready to convene the first SADC Chairperson's meeting.
- The envisaged meeting will establish generic objectives of the SADC House and will give directives on when and which country will be the seat of the SADC House.
- The NHTL is confident that with the support from the Government and the committee, the SADC House will see the light and progress very well.

Strategy continues

- Goal 02

- The Heritage resources agency, Freedom Park have become institutions that are very close to the NHTL.
- The relationship ensures that our heritage is promoted and preserved for future generations
- The NHTL is in a process of gathering information about each Provincial Heritage program with the intention of listing them all to promote traditional heritage sites (tourism opportunities)

Strategy continues

- Goal 02 continues

- The other program is to discuss with the Minister of Education to include indigenous knowledge, cultures as part of the life orientation subject at School
- The introduction of this subject at school will ensure that Zibanjwa Zisemaphuhu
- The Committee is requested to assist in ensuring that our indigenous languages do not disappear as a result of freedom. This can be done by this committee to debate in each members own home language

Strategy continues

- Goal 03 continues

- The NHTL has developed a communication strategy, which that strategy has helped the NHTL to communicate its opinions on the Civil Union Bill.
- We believe that members of the committee will agree with the NHTL on discrediting the same sex marriages and the partnership (we cannot lose our culture as a result of people who want a different and un customarily kind of a relationship)

Plan of the NHTL

- The NHTL has reviewed itself and identified that it needed to change and be more focused at achieving its mandate
- The Change starts from within and then bear fruits from the outside
- We have adopted a 12 Key Focus Areas that if properly carried out will see a different NHTL.
- The House can only be successful if the committee supports it as it does.

Plan of the NHTL

- The following is the plan for the next three years:
 - Organize the National House of Traditional Leaders so that it renders the best service possible to its primary stakeholders
 - Facilitate the development and implementation of Laws and Policies.
 - Mobilize relevant stakeholders to contribute to rural development.
 - Provide guidance and capacity to all forums created by the National House.
 - Advise Government and Legislative bodies on matters affecting Traditional Leaders and their communities.
 - Promote culture, language and moral regeneration.
 - Promote indigenous knowledge.
 - Build a sound NHTL administration.
 - Provide sound guidelines on Communal Land.
 - Develop a sound justice system for traditional leadership.
 - Establishment of the SADC Regional House of Traditional Leaders and COHTLA.
 - Develop and sustain women and youth development programs.

Budget of the NHTL

- We have indicated that our operational requirements are with the DPLG and therefore the budget of the NHTL is part of the programs of the Department (Program 7)
- We have indicated that the Budget is not adequate, does not link up with our activities like Committees, Opening of the House, Conferences etc.

Budget 02

- The CFO of the Department has promised to work on our Budget as per our request.
- We have further more indicated that if we want COHTLA to be successful we must be adequately resourced to be in a position to recruit more staff members to service AmaKhosi

Challenges

- The following are generic challenges
 - Human Resources for the NHTL
 - We cannot have a sound institution if we have only a handful of staff members. We cannot influence, provide leadership, guidance, monitor and evaluate with the present number of staff members. We cannot even think of de-linking from the Department if we are still having this number of staff. Therefore Human Resource is a serious challenge to the NHTL

Challenges

- One challenge facing AmaKhosi is to reclaim the moral values that are getting eroded by foreign values
- We need to teach our young ones to use their mother languages and be proud of it
- We need to promote our heritage, custom and tradition
- We need to conduct our customs in a safe, acceptable and in a lawful manner

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CONCLUSION

- The National House of Traditional Leaders believes that this committee will assist in ensuring that MEC's in various provinces issue notices for AmaKhosi to serve in the Municipalities.
- We have decided in this line in order to improve service delivery to our people
- This committee will as well ensure that rural people benefit in the preparations and during the 2010 Soccer World Cup

UKUPHETHA

- SIYATHOKOZA
- REALEBOGA
- HI-KENTSILE
- DANKIE
- THANK YOU
- NGIYABONGA
- NDAH