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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

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PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE REVISED SOUTH AFRICAN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL

I, Gayton McKenzie, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, hereby give notice, in terms of the relevant legislative processes, of public consultations on the revised South African Geographical Names Council Amendment Bill (the "Bill").

The South African Geographical Names Council (SAGNC) was established in terms of the South African Geographical Names Council Act, 1998 (Act No. 118 of 1998). The primary mandate of the Council is to advise the Minister responsible for Sport, Arts and Culture on the transformation, standardisation, and management of geographical names in the Republic of South Africa for official purposes.

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture has undertaken a comprehensive legislative review process to amend the aforementioned Act. The proposed amendments aim to strengthen governance structures, improve administrative processes, and enhance the overall effectiveness of the Council in fulfilling its statutory mandate.

Extensive stakeholder consultations were conducted in all nine (9) provinces between February and May 2025. The Bill has been revised to incorporate the inputs, comments, and recommendations received during those provincial consultation processes.

Members of the public, interested stakeholders, organisations, and affected parties are hereby invited to submit written comments on the revised Bill within **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.

The revised Bill, together with any explanatory memorandum or supporting documents, may be accessed on the official website of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (www.dsac.gov.za) or may be requested from the Department using the contact details provided below.

Written submissions must be directed to one of the following:

- The relevant provincial Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in the province of residence or interest; or
- The Director-General Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Private Bag X897 Pretoria 0001

Email: **sagnc@dsac.gov.za**

All submissions should clearly indicate the name, contact details (including telephone number and email address), and organisational affiliation (if applicable) of the person or entity making the submission.

Late submissions received after the closing date will not be considered.

Enquiries regarding this notice or the revised Bill may be directed to the above email address or telephone contact.

GAYTON MCKENZIE
Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture

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