
GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 2076

12 May 2022

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY FORUM IN TERMS OF SECTION 3A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) TO ADVISE THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS AND THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION LICENCES

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby give notice of my intention to establish a National Environmental Consultative and Advisory Forum (the Forum) under section 3A of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The Forum will advise on matters arising from applications for the suspension or postponement of compliance with the minimum emission standards (MES), which were published in terms of section 21 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004), and applications for the issuance of Provisional Atmospheric Emission Licences (PAELs).

The purpose of the Forum will be to conduct an extensive consultative process with key interested and affected parties to assess and present all significant relevant research and analysis in a public forum for review and interrogation, and to report to the Minister on the outcome. The report will provide the Minister with practical options to resolve the issues arising in respect of non-compliance with the MES and applications for issuance of PAELs, taking into consideration Minister's constitutional and legislative mandate and the country's international commitments, health and wellbeing of people, the energy crisis and the local economic climate.

The Forum shall consist of a maximum of six experts appointed by the Minister, with qualifications in and an extensive knowledge with respect to air quality, human health, economics, engineering, energy and environmental management.

The following fields of speciality and qualifications are required for members to serve on the committee.

1. HEALTH PRACTITIONER

A Minimum of a Master's degree in Health related studies. A minimum of 7 years' experience in air quality health impact assessments. Knowledge and experience in carrying out health impact investigations and studies in relation to the air pollution health impacts.

2. ECONOMIST

A Minimum of a Master's degree in Economics/Developmental Studies. A minimum of 7 years' experience in application of economic evaluation (or cost benefit analysis) relating to environmental policy development. Knowledge of estimating the effects of environmental legislation on the economy using economic instruments/models.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST/SCIENTIST

A Minimum of a Master's degree in Environmental Science, Geosciences or Environmental Engineering. A minimum of 7 years' experience in environmental impact assessment and management. Knowledge of cleaner production, climate change mitigations, resource efficiency, prevention and control techniques.

4. CHEMICAL/METALLURGICAL/MECHANICAL ENGINEER

A minimum Masters's degree in Chemical, Metallurgical or Mechanical Engineering. A minimum of 7 years' experience in industrial processes design, construction, operations, pollution prevention and control techniques. Knowledge of evaluating, costing and inspecting of industrial equipment and facilities related to pollution control and climate change mitigations.

Members of the public are invited to submit, within 14 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the *Government Gazette*, written nominations for suitable persons to be appointed as members of the Forum.

The nomination of a person must include the following:

- (a) curriculum vitae of the nominee with personal details, including race, gender, disability, postal and residential addresses and contact number of the nominee;
- (b) certified copies of both academic qualifications and identity document;
- (c) experience of the nominee which would stand him or her in good stead with reference to the functions of Consultative and Advisory Forum as set out in the Terms of Reference; and
- (d) acceptance letter from the nominee.

The Minister shall appoint the required members for the Forum from the list of all nominees submitted pursuant to this notice. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Minister.

Written nominations must be submitted to any of the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Dr Vincent Gololo
Private Bag X447
PRETORIA
0001

By hand at: Ground Floor (Reception), Environmental House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria

By email to: vgololo@dffe.gov.za

The Government Notice and the Terms of Reference for the Forum can be found at the following link: https://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices or requested by email from the email address provided.

For any enquiries in connection with the Notice, you may contact Dr Vincent Gololo through email: vgololo@dffe.gov.za

Written nominations received after the closing date may be disregarded.



**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**