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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

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PUBLICATION OF DATES FOR CONSULTATIONS

I, Gayton McKenzie, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, officially approved the gazetting of dates for consultation on the Use of Official Languages Act Draft Bill.

The Official Languages Act was established to promote, protect and regulate the use of South Africa's official languages, ensuring equitable access, inclusivity, and the advancement of multilingualism across all spheres of government and society. One of the core objectives of the Act is to guide the Minister responsible for Sport, Arts and Culture on policies and frameworks that support the effective implementation and standardisation of language use in the country.

The Department is embarking on a process to amend the Official Languages Act. As part of this process, the Department will hold meetings to consult and solicit input from national government departments, national public entities, national public enterprise and relevant stakeholders before the Draft Bill is submitted to Parliament for further processing.

The public consultation process provides all interested and affected stakeholders with an opportunity to participate in the legislative review process by submitting comments and contributions.

Please find the bill on the link below and send your comments to:
Uolabill@dsac.gov.za
You are welcome to request a copy of the bill via the above email.

The dates for stakeholder consultations are scheduled as 10 and 11 March 2026

Venue and times will be communicated to relevant stakeholders before the end of February 2026

Quick link to
Use of Official Languages Act Draft Bill

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