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NACI
NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INNOVATION

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INNOVATION

The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (the Minister) hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates for appointment to the Council of the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) in terms of section 5 of the NACI Act, 1997 (Act No. 55 of 1997).

The objects of the Council are to advise the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation and, through the Minister, the Ministers Committee and the Cabinet, on the role and contribution of science, mathematics, innovation and technology, including indigenous technologies, in promoting and achieving national objectives, namely, to improve and sustain the quality of life of all South Africans, develop human resources for science and technology, build the economy and strengthen the country's competitiveness in the international sphere.

The Council consists of (a) a chairperson appointed by the Minister; (b) 16 to 20 members appointed by the Minister after consultation with the Ministers Committee, and after submission to the Cabinet for notification; (c) the chief executive officer of NACI; and (d) an officer of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition nominated by the Minister of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition and appointed by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation.

The members of the Council, including the chairperson, must be South African citizens or permanent residents and must have (a) achieved distinction in any field of science and technology in their own right or in the context of innovation; (b) special knowledge or experience in relation to the management of science and technology, or innovation; (c) special insight into the role and contribution of innovation in promoting and achieving national and provincial objectives; or (d) special knowledge and experience of the functioning of the national system of innovation within which the science and technology system operates, the science and technology system, or any other aspect of NACI'S domain of responsibility.

The members will serve on a part-time basis for a term not exceeding four years, with effect from 1 December 2026. NACI will pay a member of the Council or a member of any committee of the Council who are not in the full-time employment of the state such remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation in consultation with the Minister of Finance.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of a letter to the Minister by no later than **14 August 2026**. Please email nominations to **Boardappointment4@dsti.gov.za**, accompanied by a copy of the candidate's identity document and curriculum vitae, including the following information: Full names, gender, race, current designation and responsibilities, contact details (postal and email addresses, and cellphone and landline numbers), qualifications, current and past service on boards, areas of expertise, and the names and contact details of at least two referees.

Confirmation of the availability of the nominee is also required.

NB: Nominations will not be considered unless all the requirements set out above are met. Correspondence will be entered into with shortlisted candidates only.

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