

New Presidential BEE Advisory Council appointed

PRETORIA: President Jacob Zuma has appointed new members of the Presidential Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) Advisory Council. The appointments have been made in terms of section 6 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Council Act of 2003.



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The president appointed the following new members to the council:

- Dr Rob Davies - the Minister of Trade and Industry
- Susan Shabangu - the Minister in the Presidency responsible for the Women portfolio
- Mildred Oliphant - the Minister of Labour
- Thembelani "Thulas" Nxesi - the Minister of Public Works
- Zingiswa Losi - the Second Deputy President of the Congress of South African Trade Unions.
- Tantaswa Fubu - the President of the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of South Africa
- Pule Tsebe - the Deputy Chairperson of Disabled People South Africa
- Sandile Zungu - the Vice President of the Black Business Council
- Clive Mancini - member of the Board of Business Unity South Africa
- Professor Eltie Links - the Chair of Doing Business in Africa at the Stellenbosch Graduate School of Business, University of Stellenbosch
- Chantyl Mulder - the Senior Executive for Professional Development and Transformation at the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- Lefadi Makibinyane - the Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Consulting Engineers South Africa
- Thami Mazwai - Executive Chairman of Mtiya Dynamics, an enterprise development advisory company, and former Head of the University of Johannesburg's Small Business Development Centre
- Yershen Pillay - Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency
- Sankie Mthembu-Mahanyele - former Minister of Housing and Chairperson of the Central Energy Fund
- Mike Mlangana - the President of the African Farmers Association of South Africa
- Zinhle Cele - the Deputy Secretary General of the Progressive Professionals Forum
- Koko Khumalo - the Deputy President of the Black Management Forum
- Caroline Magadla - the Treasurer General of the South African National Apex Cooperative (SANACO)

The Directors-General of the departments reporting to the Ministers serving on the council will serve as alternate members of the Council.

The Advisory Council provides guidance and overall monitoring of the broad based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) performance in the economy with a view to make policy recommendations to address challenges in the implementation of the policy.

Its primary functions include:

- Advising government on B-BBEE;
- Reviewing progress in achieving B-BBEE;
- Advising on codes of good practice including the sector codes, which the Minister of Trade and Industry publishes under section 9 (5) of the B-BBEE Act;
- Advising on the development, amendment or replacement of the B-BBEE strategy;
- If requested, advising on draft transformation charters, and
- Facilitating partnerships between organs of state and private sector that will advance the objectives of the B-BBEE Act.

President Zuma has thanked all the outgoing members of the BEE Advisory Council and wished them well in their future endeavours.

"The outgoing council has made significant strides during its term of office, including the review of the black economic empowerment legislation, which led to the enactment of the Broad-Based BEE Amendment Act as well as the alignment of the B-BBEE legislation with the preferential procurement legislation.

"We also appreciate the work done by the outgoing inaugural council in promoting the development of the black industrialists concept and programme. Their contribution in this area has laid a firm foundation for the next advisory council," he said.

President Zuma also wished the new members all the best in their new responsibilities.

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