

CONCLUSION OF AGRIBEE INDABA

PREAMBLE

The Indaba noted:

- the statement by the Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs that the development of the draft AgriBEE Charter and large scale scorecard (further herein referred to as the draft Charter) was a product of the Strategic Plan for the Agriculture Sector;
- the expression of satisfaction by the Minister that the process of consultation by the AgriBEE Steering Committee had been broad, inclusive and transparent;
- that the draft Charter proposed by the AgriBEE Steering Committee in the Minister's view advances the objectives of the BBEE Act, No 53 of 2003;
- the report by the Chairperson of the AgriBEE Steering Committee on the processes of consultation, the content of the draft Charter and the need for the Indaba to identify gaps, areas of further work, improvements in the draft Charter and a way forward;
- that the draft Charter was aligned with the BEE Codes of Good Practice;
- that all key agriculture value chain stakeholders were present at the Indaba; and
- the constructive and substantive inputs and support by these stakeholders and from four break-away working groups dealing with the seven pillars of the draft Charter.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE THEREFORE RECOMMENDS:

1. following support received for the draft Charter at the Indaba it be endorsed as the basis for finalisation of the AgriBEE Charter and Scorecard in terms of Section 12 of the Act;
2. the Steering Committee be tasked to undertake work and, subject to the release of the second phase of BEE Codes of Good Practice expected in December 2005 to deal with and finalise , by March 2006, issues that had been recommended at the Indaba;
3. inputs and additional issues raised be considered by the Steering Committee to enhance the Charter;
4. a working version of the draft Charter be made available in the official languages by end January;
5. a process of further communication and road shows be conducted from the beginning of 2006 on the draft Charter by stakeholders with their constituencies and by the Steering Committee in collaboration with provincial Departments of Agriculture;
6. that the Steering Committee arrange for the Minister to launch the final AgriBEE Charter with stakeholders once negotiations have been concluded and the Charter has been approved by the Minister of Trade and Industry; and
7. that the Indaba endorses the way forward by way of a formal resolution.

AGRIBEE INDABA RESOLUTION

The AgriBEE Indaba:

commends the Steering Committee for the transparent and inclusive process of consultations it had followed in developing its proposals;

submits that the process and the Charter advances the objectives of the BBEE Act, No 53 of 2003;

*concur*s with the Minister that the Steering Committee should be tasked with the finalization of the AgriBEE Charter with stakeholders taking into account the inputs resulting from the breakaway sessions;

endorses the way forward proposed by the Steering Committee; and

endorses the draft Charter as the basis for the conclusion of the final AgriBEE Charter in terms of Section 12 of the BEE Act.

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