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PRESENTATION TO THE FORESTRY INDABA 2010 BY

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BACKGROUND

- Congress takes place every six years
- Organised by the FAO and the Host country
- Set a six year forestry agenda for global dialogue
- A platform for countries to showcase their capabilities for ensuring a sustainable environment
- Never held in an African soil
- Argentina hosted the Congress two times



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CONSIDERATIONS

- Comparative advantage: Issues of infrastructure and accessibility of the country
- Opportunities: The host should show how local communities will benefit from the hosting of the Congress
- Constraints: What are possible constraints and how would they be dealt with.
- Raising funds for participants from developing countries
- Hosting expenditure US\$ 8m (aprox R64M)



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ADVANTAGES OF HOSTING THE WFC

- Setting/ influencing the Theme of the Congress
- Structuring the Technical Programme
- Putting the country firmly in global map in terms of its contribution to the environment
- Identify invited Speakers, Authors etc
- Organising Committee
- Tourism Revenue



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PROCESS

- Presentation to Stakeholders/ Role-players
e.g. National Forest Advisory Council
(NFAC), private sector
- DEXCO Approval through ICC
- Got Minister's approval
- Cabinet approval-May 2010
- General Lobbying
- Expression of interest to Host done on 1 September
- Presentation to COFO
- Final decision at the FAO Council in Dec



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CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS

- Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (Lead Department)
- Department of Tourism (Joint Leader)
- Department of International Relations and Cooperation
- Department of Water and Environmental Affairs
- Hosting Province and Metro
- Tourism SA
- NGOs for local content



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CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS CONT

- Private Sector (Forestry SA, Amahlathi etc)
- Department of Home Affairs
- SALGA
- Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Leaders
- Department of Trade and Industry



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WAYFORWARD

- Formal Lobbying including briefing RSA Missions abroad and SADC
- Fund raising
- Decision at the FAO Council in December 2010
- Put together the Organising Committee
- Begin a process of consultation with the continent on how we can the Congress be of benefit to Africa.



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