

B-BBEE PROGRAMME ADVANCES

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Each SANAS accreditation programme is required to continue ensuring that the key strategic matters are implemented and maintained. As such, the B-BBEE programme conducted an assessor training and revived its Specialist Technical Committee (STC).

Assessor Training

One of the SANAS key strategic objectives is to increase the current assessor pool in order to provide a quality service to all its clients. On the 26th – 28th June 2017 the B-BBEE programme conducted training of fifteen (15) new technical assessors in line with the requirements of the SANAS R47 document.

The R47 document aims to clarify the role of the BEE verification agencies and to specify the criteria by which they shall be accredited by SANAS on behalf of the Department of Trade and industry (the dti)

STC COMMITTEE

STC is a fundamental and vital component of operating a technically relevant accreditation system. Amongst other things, it is a tool that guides technical policy and provide important mediation support in technical matters to the assessment process within a specified area of accreditation. If this important focus is somehow lost or blurred then problems are bound to arise with potentially damaging consequences to the credibility of the accreditation process.

On the 07th July 2017, SANAS B-BBEE Program revived its STCs which will provide appropriate technical guidance in all matters relating to B-BBEE expertise.

During the STC meeting, the following matters were discussed:

- Mr Mpho Phaloane, SANAS Executive, presented on the purpose of establishing the STCs and outlined the policy on STC membership.
- Mr Yuneal Padayachy the Deputy Director: B-BBEE Procurement Transformation and Verification, discussed the role of the dti in the B-BBEE space.
- The Chairperson of the Association of B-BBEE Professionals (ABP), Mr David Ndou presented on the role of ABP; and
- Chief Executive Officer of Property Sector Charter Council, Mrs Portia Tau-Sekati presented on the role of the sector councils.

Details on the responsibilities of the STC and the meeting frequency will be documented in the terms of references that will be distributed to members.

I believe that our country's transformation through B-BBEE as instrument, was and continues to be a good intervention. Therefore, we need to help each other to achieve its objectives and remove obstacles to transformation, including addressing the lack of financial support and market access for black businesses.

It is important that as we drive transformation at different levels, be reminded of the B-BBEE Policy objectives.



OBSOLETE DOCUMENT

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Please take note that the R 05 “The Requirements, Obligations and Duties of an Accredited / GLP Compliant Facility” has been made OBSOLETE, and is no longer on the SANAS website.

The R05 has been replaced by the following 2 documents:

- F147 Terms and Conditions of Accreditation
- F199 Terms and Conditions of GLP/GCP Compliance

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