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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

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NOTICE: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR HERITAGE MEMORIALISATION

This serves as a Notice to request comments and input from interested parties on the draft National Policy Framework for Heritage Memorialisation.

Currently, there is no formal official policy on legacy projects or memorialisation of heritage. Mainly, the National Legacy Project focusses only on large scale heritage infrastructure development. This approach has no and/or does not clearly express clear linkages, integration and alignment with other forms of legacy and memorialisation work being done. It also does not consider the potential socio-economic impact of these projects, their affordability, sustainability, the lifespan of the National Legacy Project and the potential impact of changes in the environment. It further precludes a clear, integrated, coherent and systematic articulation of the effectiveness of all legacy and memorialisation work being done, in contributing to social cohesion, nation building, socio-economic development, and other national outcomes aligned with the Government Wide-Monitoring and Evaluation System and National Evaluation Policy Framework.

The Draft Policy Framework therefore aims to continue to transform the heritage landscape through heritage infrastructure development and improvement. This depends on availability of resources, through memorialisation and to better coordinate and articulate the linkages among the existing forms of memorialisation to maximise their impact. The policy also aims to consolidate the past efforts towards memorialisation of South Africa's heritage that recognises and promotes national identity through reconciliation, healing, social cohesion, community involvement and ownership, economic upliftment and education. It seeks to promote integration and coordination of memorialisation programmes across various spheres and sectors by diverse role players and institutions.

The draft National Policy Framework for Heritage Memorialisation is available on the website of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, under the following link: <https://www.dsac.gov.za/DraftNationalPolicyFrameworkforHeritageMemorialization>. Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments and input into this Policy Framework.

Closing date for comments: 20 June 2025.

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