CLIMATE CHANGE BILL [B9B-2022]

MEDIA ADVISORY

To All Media Houses 13 March 2024

Bloemfontein: The Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Rural, Economic Development, Small Business, Sports, Arts and Culture will embark on an extensive process to consider the Climate Change Bill [B9B - 2022]. The Climate Change Bill is the first piece of legislation in South Africa specifically aimed at mitigating and addressing the effects of climate change. The Bill's objective is to establish a robust strategy for addressing climate change and implementing a fair, long-term energy transition plan, and ultimately fostering a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy in South Africa.

The Bill further seeks to manage climate change adaptation to impacts such as flooding, drought, wildfires, excessive heat, and water and food insecurity. The Bill provides that government, at provincial and national levels, is obliged to assess all the risk and expected impacts and create response plans.

The Bill also defines responsibilities for different national, provincial, and local governments, ensuring that all relevant role-players are mandated to do their part in responding to climate change and work together effectively.

The Bill is intended to ensure that the country is empowered to respond adequately and safely to climate change and its risks and impact. It seeks to regulate climate change mitigation through the reduction of greenhouse gas carbonemissions.
According to the Bill, the minister responsible for the environment must assign carbon budgets to companies to limit their carbon emissions.

Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:

DATE	TIME	VENUE/AREAS
16 March 2024	10h00	New Hall, Bohlokong, Dihlabeng Local Municipality (Bethlehem)
18 March 2024	10h00	Moqhaka Town Hall, Moqhaka Local Municipality (Kroonstad)

20 March 2024	10h00	Forth Raadsaal, Mangaung Metro Municipality (Bloemfontein)

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