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1. BACKGROUND

- National Development Plan sets out transformation agenda:
 - Eliminate poverty, unemployment and inequality,
 - 2030 targets for poverty, employment and equality
- There are regional, continental and international goals and plans to which we subscribe
- In 2019 both Houses of reflected on their priorities for the 6th Parliament
- 6th Parliament Draft Strategic Plan with the Executive Authority



2. NCOP STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - AUGUST 2019

Themes:

Oversight and public participation

- Feedback loops and regular communication
- Meaningful participation in Parliament and Committee processes
- Stakeholder engagement

Programming

- Alignment of programmes: NA, NCOP, Provincial Legislatures and
Local Government



2. NCOP STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - AUGUST 2019 (contd)

- Co-operative government – Local Government framework is fragmented, need to standardise framework
 - Review Co-operative government framework
 - Strengthen the co-operative government and IGR framework
- Co-ordinated oversight: NA, NCOP, Provincial Legislatures, Local Government
 - Cross-sector oversight, Synergy oversight and budget
 - Application of S139



2. NCOP STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - AUGUST 2019 (contd)

- Outcomes based oversight and assessment
- Effective oversight – using M&E tools (i.e. decide on what to measure)
- Capacitation of Members, Staff and Committees
- Choose less policy priorities
- Need for NCOP to transform its focus to what the Constitution requires
- Outcomes based oversight, co-operation and intergovernmental relations
- Resolution tracking



3. COMMON THEMES BETWEEN NCOP AND NA

- 6th Parliament must do things differently to ensure effective and outcomes based oversight
- Joint programming
- Monitoring and evaluation of oversight
- Strengthen capacity, Members, staff Committees
- More time allocated to Committee and Constituency work
- Co-ordination and co-operation with others spheres of government



4. DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 6th PARLIAMENT

The policy priorities of the 6th Parliament consist of the following elements:

- Impact – NDP 2030 goals
- Outcomes – 2024 targets
- Outputs – what will be produced
- Activities – what will be done
- Inputs – what will be required



4.1 Strategy Map to strengthen Oversight and Accountability

Impact

Reduce poverty, unemployment and inequality

Outcomes

Strengthened oversight so as to increase government's accountability

Outputs

Improve the quality of Money Bills and resolutions

Constituency oversight work

Committee oversight work

Plenary oversight work

Activities

Individual Member activities

Deeper scrutiny of executive

More effective involvement

More effective recommendations

Plenary questions, debates, statements

Inputs

Institutional oversight plan

Time for committees

Member capacity enhanced

Deeper insights

Public submissions

Change in programme

Capacity-building Programmes

Better analysis, synthesis,

Public info and access

Better tracking, monitoring

Data and systems

Technology



4.2. Intervention Logic

- Improving the quality of life requires faster transformation and service delivery, thereby increasing employment, eradicating poverty and reducing inequality;
- Increase the pace of service delivery and transformation will require more responsive and accountable government;
- Greater responsiveness and accountability by the executive will require Parliament to strengthen oversight and involvement;
- Shared oversight and super Committees;



4.2. Intervention Logic (contd)

- Stronger oversight will require deeper scrutiny by committees, more effective public involvement and hearings, and more effective recommendations and resolutions by the House;
- In turn, deeper scrutiny by committees will require more time allocated for oversight activities, enhance Member capacity to ensure effectiveness, deeper insights into issues at hand, and active involvement by the public in the form of submissions and representations



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4.3. Budget Programme and Organisational Structures

- The budget programme and organisational structures are regularly reviewed to ensure improved strategy implementation;
- A review of the structures will be implemented in 2020 as part of strategy alignment
- Programme 3 (status): Core Business – *Procedural and legal advice, analysis, information and research, language, content, secretarial and legislative drafting services for the meetings of the NA, NCOP and their committees; public education, information and access to support public participation; analysis, advice, content, protocol and admin support for parliamentary IR engagement*



4.3. Budget Programme and Organisational Structures

- Reviewing of budget structure to the organisational structure
 - Programme 1: Executive Authority and Administration
 - Programme 2: Core Business (NA and NCOP)
 - Programme 3: External stakeholders and relations (IRPD, LSS)



4.4. Strategy Implementation

The main elements of strategy implementation include:

- Designing programmes and initiatives to implement the strategy;
- Implementing budget and organisational structures for implementation of the strategy;
- Collaboration with key partners on mutual goals;
- Managing the key opportunities and risks present;
- Allocating funding and resources for implementation;
- Managing change programmes that are required; and
- Implementing a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess progress.



5. CONCLUSION

Parliament is now engaged in strategy implementation workshops until the end of March 2020. Some of the questions to be answered during this exercise are:

1. Both Houses to identify policy priorities and approve;
2. Change the programme structure for both Houses to have a joint oversight programme;
3. To allocate resources based on the zero budgeting approach, aligning to the policy priorities;

2020 MTEF ALLOCATION		
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
2 687 610	2 872 573	2 990 596

4. Agreeing on the key budget drivers;
5. Agree on how Parliament appropriates its budget;



THANK YOU