

NOTICE 1486 OF 2006DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL **AFFAIRS AND TOURISM****NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT****PUBLICATION FOR COMMENT**

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism intends under Paragraph 164 of the Johannesburg Plan of Action which stipulates that "states should foster full participation in sustainable development policy formulation and implementation", to publish the draft National Framework for Sustainable Development (NFSD) document for comment.

Paragraph 162-b of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation appeals to all "states to take immediate steps to make progress in the formulation and elaboration on national strategies for sustainable development and begin their implementation by 2005".

The NFSD proposes a framework that includes a national vision, principles, trends, strategic priority areas and a set of implementation measures that will enable and guide the further elaboration of an action plan and a monitoring and evaluation system.

This Framework provides the basis for a long-term process of integrating sustainability as a key component of the development discourse and shows South Africa's commitment to the principles developed at international summits, including the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development.

The draft NFSD document can be fetched from 315 Pretorius Street, Pretoria at the offices of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism,

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism invites written submissions and comments From interested persons within 30 days of the date of publication to the following correspondence address;

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