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CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL BOARD

The Minister of Science and Technology hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates to be considered for appointment to the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) Board. The Board of the Council is being reconstituted in line with section 5 of the HSRC Act, 2008 (Act No. 17 of 2008).

The objects of the Council are to (a) initiate, undertake and foster strategic basic research and applied researching human science, and to gather, analyse and publish data relevant to developmental challenges in South Africa, elsewhere in Africa and in the rest of the world, especially by means of projects linked to public sector-oriented collaborative programmes; (b) inform the effective formulation and monitoring of policy and to evaluate the implementation of policy; (c) stimulate public debate through the effective dissemination of fact-based results of research; (d) help build research capacity and infrastructure for the human sciences in South Africa and elsewhere in Africa; (e) foster and support research collaboration, networks and institutional linkages within the human sciences research community; (f) respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups in society by researching and analysing developmental problems, thereby contributing to the improvement of the quality of their lives; and (g) develop and make publicly available new data sets to underpin research, policy development and public discussion of the key issues of development, and to develop new improved methodologies for use in their development.

In terms of section 5(2) of the Act, the Board will consist of –

- (a) a chairperson designated by the Minister;
- (b) no fewer than six and no more than nine members; and
- (c) the Chief Executive Officer, who is member of the Board by virtue of his or her office.

The members will be appointed in their personal capacity and serve on a part-time basis for a period not exceeding four years, from 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2021. Allowances will be in accordance with the National Treasury guidelines for remuneration.

The members of the Board, including the Chairperson, will be appointed in their personal capacity and must be persons who –

- (a) have distinguished themselves in the field of the human sciences or who possess special qualifications, experience or skills in relation to some aspect of the functions of the Council such as (i) human and social development; (ii) health; (iii) education; (iv) economics; (v) democracy and service delivery; or
- (b) have expertise in the areas of (i) planning; (ii) finance; (iii) law; or (iv) human resources; and
- (c) are citizens of or have the right of permanent residence in South Africa, with the exception of the distinguished representative of the social science research community in the rest of Africa contemplated in section 5(5)(b) of the Act.

Nominations should clearly indicate which categories set out in the paragraph above – (a)(i) to (a)(v) and (b)(i) to (b)(iv) – apply to the nominee. Nominations should be submitted to the Minister of Science and Technology by no later than **21 April 2017**.

Relevant **curricula vitae** for nominated candidates, including the following information, should be provided: Identity number; gender; race; designation and responsibilities; contact details (postal and email addresses, and cellular and landline); qualifications and field; current and past service on boards; areas of expertise; and the names and contact details of at least two referees.

Confirmation of the availability of the nominee is also required.

Nominations may be sent to the Director-General: Science and Technology, for attention Ms Matshidiso Molefe, in one of the following ways:

- By post to the Department of Science and Technology, Private Bag X894, Pretoria, 0001.
- By hand to the Department of Science and Technology, Building 53, Scientia Campus, Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria.
- By email to Matshidiso.Molefe@dst.gov.za.
- By fax to 086 680 9326.

NB: Nominations will not be considered unless all the requirements set out above are met. Correspondence will be entered into with shortlisted candidates only.

Enquiries: Ms Happy Molefe at 012 843 6651