



Launch of the National Biotechnology Advisory Committee (NBAC)

Launch and First Meeting

Date: 30 November 2006

Venue: NRF Auditorium

Time: 10:00 – 14:30

Time	Agenda item	Speaker/Notes
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome	Prof Calie Pistorius: NACI Chair
10:05 – 10:20	Opening and context of biotechnology in South Africa	Honourable Mosibudi Mangena, Minister of S&T
10:20 – 10:40	Position and role of NACI in the National System of Innovation	Prof Calie Pistorius: NACI Chair
10:40 – 11:10	Terms of reference and modus operandi of NBAC	Prof Jennifer Thomson, NACI Councillor: and Professor, UCT
11:10 – 11:20	Discussion	
11:20 – 11:35	Comfort Break	
11:35 – 12:05	The National Biotechnology Strategy: An overview.	Mr Ben Durham: Director, DST
12:05 – 12:15	Discussion	
12:15 – 12:50	Brain storming session:Future priorities and actions	
12:50 – 13:00	Summary and conclusions	Dr Ntuthuko Bhengu: NACI Councillor and Executive Director, Africa Biopharma Investments
13:00 – 13:10	Closure	Prof Calie Pistorius: NACI Chair
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	NBAC meeting	Members only