



CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INNOVATION

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates to fill vacancies on the Council of the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) in terms of section 5 of the NACI Act, 1997 (Act No.55 of 1997).

The objects of the Council are to advise the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, and through the Minister, the Ministers Committee and the Cabinet, on the role and contribution of science, mathematics, innovation and technology, including indigenous technologies, in promoting and achieving national objectives, namely, to improve and sustain the quality of life of all South Africans, develop human resources for science and technology, build the economy and strengthen the country's competitiveness in the international sphere.

In terms of section 5(1) of the NACI Act, the Council should consist of (a) a chairperson appointed by the Minister; (b) 16 to 20 members appointed by the Minister after consultation with the Ministers Committee, and after submission to the Cabinet for notification; (c) the chief executive officer of NACI; and (d) an officer of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition nominated by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition.

The current Council was appointed with effect from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2026.

The people required to fill in the vacancies should have strong knowledge and experience in one or more of the following: (a) private equity investments; (b) venture capital; (c) global and international partnerships; (d) local and international economic markets, trends and networks, and industrial policy; (e) energy, including hydrogen and renewables, and (f) climate change and sustainability.

The members will be appointed in their personal capacity and serve on a part-time basis for the remaining part of the current Council's term of office, that is until 31 October 2026. Members will receive honoraria and have their expenses covered in accordance with the National Treasury guidelines.

Nominations should be submitted no later than 20 November 2023, together with curricula vitae including the following information on candidates: identity number; gender; race; designation and responsibilities; contact details (postal and email addresses, and telephone numbers); qualifications and fields; 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 of Science and Innovation, for attention Ms Mamaponesa Nempfumbada, in one of the following ways:

- By email to Mamaponesa.nempfumbada@dst.gov.za.
- By post to the Department of Science and Innovation, Private Bag X894, Pretoria, 0001.
- By hand to the Department of Science and Innovation, Building 53, Scientia Campus, Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria.

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: Happy Molefe at 073 376 3888 or happy.molefe@dst.gov.za