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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

### **ICT Sector Council Launches Review of ICT Sector Code and Publishes Updated EEIP Framework**

The B-BBEE ICT Sector Council, established in terms of Section 9 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, has initiated a formal review of the 2016 ICT Sector Code to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness in advancing transformation within the sector.

The Council invites all interested stakeholders to submit written comments on the existing Code. The Code and accompanying notice are available on the Council's official website ([ictsector.org.za](http://ictsector.org.za)).

#### **Stakeholder Consultation Process**

The review process will include two phases of stakeholder engagement. The first phase calls for written submissions in which stakeholders are encouraged to outline:

- Key areas of concern within the current Code
- Challenges experienced, supported by detailed explanations and, where possible, data illustrating the impact
- Proposed solutions to address identified challenges

Stakeholders have until 20 May 2026 to submit their comments to Mr Thakhani Masuka, Chairperson Review and Amendment Committee via email to [ictsector@ictsectorcouncil.org.za](mailto:ictsector@ictsectorcouncil.org.za).

Following the written submission phase, the Council will host a hybrid stakeholder engagement to discuss the inputs received. Stakeholders wishing to participate in this engagement are requested to indicate their interest in their written submissions. Further details, including the date of the engagement, will be communicated in due course.

#### **Publication of Updated EEIP Framework**

In a related development, the Council has also published an updated Equity Equivalent Investment Programme (EEIP) Framework, aimed at improving the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of the EEIP approval process within the ICT sector.

The EEIP approval process involves three stages:

1. The ICT Sector Council evaluates applications and makes recommendations based on sector transformation priorities
2. The Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) reviews the application alongside the Council's recommendation
3. The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) considers the final recommendation for approval

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The updated EEIP Framework, now available on the Council's website, provides:

- Clear guidance on required application information
- Explanations for each information requirement
- Defined processes and timelines for application consideration
- Provisions for the treatment of confidential information (subject to formal application)

The framework is designed to assist applicants in preparing complete and compliant submissions, thereby avoiding delays in processing. The Council cautions that incomplete applications may result in extended timelines, as processing will be paused pending the submission of outstanding information.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to engage with the Council during the planning stages of their EEIP proposals to improve the likelihood of successful approval.

The framework also introduces provisions for ongoing compliance monitoring, which will contribute to building a robust evidence base to support meaningful and sustainable transformation in the ICT sector.

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