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Stakeholder engagement for Property Practitioners

Invitation to participate in the stakeholder engagement on Property Practitioners Bill [2018]

The Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements (National Assembly) is mandated by the Constitution, amongst others, to conduct oversight over the Executive, pass legislation and conduct public participation on its legislative processes. The Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon Mbete referred the Property Practitioners Bill to the Committee for its consideration and reporting.

The Bill seeks to provide for the regulation of property practitioners; to provide for the continuation of the Estate Agency Affairs Board as the Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority; to provide for the appointment of the members of the Board and matters incidental thereto; to provide for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and other staff members of the Authority; to provide for the establishment, appointment, powers and functions of the Property Practitioner's Ombud Office; to provide for compliance with and enforcement of the provisions of the Act; to provide for the continuation of the Estate Agents Fidelity Fund as the Property Practitioners Fidelity Fund; to provide for consumer protection; to provide for the repeal of the Estate Agency Affairs Act, 1976; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

In exercising the public participation process, the Committee is scheduled to conduct stakeholders' engagement with those that are in the property sector with an objective of receiving comments on the proposed piece of legislation. Stakeholders' engagement is expected to be attended by an audience of approximately 150 individuals and or representatives from various organisations within the property and built environment sectors, academics, researchers as well as municipal representatives.

The Committee deemed it necessary to invite you and it will appreciate your presence in this important engagement and request a written submission commenting on this Bill.

You are therefore, invited to attend the stakeholder engagement scheduled as follows:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
18 September 2018	09:00	**Cambridge Hall, East London**
20 September 2018	09:00	**Botanic Gardens Hall Durban Ethekwini Municipality**
21 September 2018	09:00	**Johannesburg** Venue to be confirmed
26 September 2018	09:00	**Polokwane** Venue to be confirmed
27 September 2018	10:00	**Bloemfontein** Venue to be confirmed

Kindly confirm attendance with Ms K Pasiya-Mndende, Committee Secretary at 021 403 2725, 083 709 8524 or kpasiya-mndende@parliament.gov.za. Copies of the presentation can be forwarded to Ms Pasiya-Mndende by 14 September 2018.

Copies of the Property Practitioners Bill are available at www.parliament.gov.za

Yours sincerely,

Ms NN Mafu, MP
Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements