



## **Make a submission to the Department of Arts and Culture on the Revised White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage**

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### **Arterial Network South Africa - Guide for Submissions – Revised White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage Edition**

The national Department of Arts and Culture on **4 November 2015** appointed an 8 person Reference Panel (subsequently expanded to 9 people in 2016) to revise the 1996 White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage.

On **17 & 18 November 2016**, the Department of Arts and Culture hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sector Indaba to introduce the second draft of the Revised White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage (**Revised White Paper**) as developed by the Reference Panel through an extensive consultative process, which included 25 sub-sector consultations held throughout the Republic of South Africa.

Submissions on the Revised White Paper have been requested and are due on **15 December 2016**.

#### **Make a submission**

Everyone is invited to make a submission on this Revised White paper. The more submissions the Reference Panel receives, the greater impact it will have. This will also

increase the probability of ensuring that the policy which eventually emanates from this process reflects the desired vision for the arts, culture and heritage (ACH) landscape.

The White Paper is an important step in the legislative process.

### **What is the Revised White Paper?**

The Revised White Paper is a document, produced by government, which will eventually result in an Arts, Culture and Heritage policy, which will constitute an overall vision and direction document. Once the policy is adopted it informs the governments programmes, budgets and potentially laws, that need to be put into place in order to ensure the success of the white paper's vision. The White Paper is not a detailed action plan but more of a proposal of a vision of where Arts, Culture and Heritage should be going.

Details on how this process works can be found on the Parliamentary Monitoring Group's website:

<https://pmg.org.za/page/legislative-process>

Read and access the Revised White Paper here

<http://www.dac.gov.za/content/second-draft-revised-white-paper-arts-culture-and-heritage-1>

### **How to make a submission**

To make a submission you should write to the Reference Panel - see Address for submissions below.

***Your submission can take any form: written, emails, illustrated, audio, video etc. If you have already written a submission on the previous versions of the Revised White Paper, it can form the basis of your submission.***

You could address the entire Revised White Paper or choose specific issues which affect your specific sector.

Your submission could include:

- your credentials (as an independent artist or other arts professional, representative of an organisation, audience member, arts supporter, arts educator etc)

- comments you want to make about the progression of the white paper from 1996. To read all the iterations of the white paper click here:

<http://www.dac.gov.za/white-papers>

- the rationale for your views
- the potential impact of Revised White Paper on the arts, culture and heritage landscape and/or your role in the arts
- your experience in/of the arts.

**Suggested format:**

Introduce yourself/organisation

Acknowledge the role of the Reference Panel and what you understand the objective of the revision of the White paper to be

Recommendations and Comments

Ensure that you make specific reference to pages or clauses contained in the Revised White Paper.

It is also strongly suggested that you included alternative/recommended wording

**Submission deadline:**

**15 December 2016**

**Public Hearings**

To be confirmed by the Reference Panel in 2017.

**Address for submissions**

Email submission to:

[lordwickr@dac.gov.za](mailto:lordwickr@dac.gov.za) and [arithuzavr@dac.gov.za](mailto:arithuzavr@dac.gov.za)

ANSA is currently compiling its submission which will be published on the ANSA website in due course.

**Additional Information**

Opening keynote address by Minister of Arts and Culture, Mr. Nathi Mthethwa at the 2nd Sector Indaba on the White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage.

17 Nov 2016

<http://www.dac.gov.za/content/opening-keynote-address-minister-nathi-mthethwa-2nd-sector-indaba-white-paper-arts-culture>