

Acceleration of the Agriculture and Agro-Processing Master Plan Roundtable

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1. INTRODUCTION

The National Planning Commission (NPC), in partnership with the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC), convened a roundtable discussion under the theme: "Accelerating the Implementation of the Agriculture and Agro-Processing Master Plan" on 31 October 2024 at Protea Hotel Hatfield. The roundtable, led by Commissioner Madzivhandila, brought together a diverse range of stakeholders, including representatives from government, the private sector, labour unions, farmer organisations, commodity groups, civil society, and local communities.

The roundtable provided a platform for participants to collectively address challenges and strategies to expedite the implementation of the Agriculture and Agro-Processing Master Plan (AAMP). The discussions emphasised the importance of coordinated efforts to achieve the plan's objectives and drive sustainable growth in the sector.

2. OVERVIEW

The roundtable featured interactive panel discussions on the roles different organisations can play in accelerating the implementation of the AAMP. The programme also included a breakaway session to discuss implementation challenges and solutions. Overall, there was a robust and frank analysis of implementation challenges through identifying the priority areas of concern and the practical solutions to address them.

3. KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The key outcomes of the roundtable were identified as follows:

1. Improved understanding and commitment among all social partners to contribute to advance the implementation of the AAMP.
2. A shared understanding of the prospects, obstacles, and effective strategies for the AAMP's successful execution.

3. Recommendations that will contribute to the NPC's advice on government decisions and policymaking to ensure implementation of the AAMP is accelerated and its practices align with the NDP.
4. Key suggestions for ongoing long-term planning interventions aligned with the NDP: Vision 2030 and the Medium-Term Development Plan Framework 2024-2029.

4. CONCLUSION

The session concluded with an agreement that the NPC would compile an advisory note on challenges and implementable solutions in the medium term.



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