

Submission: National Youth Development Agency Bill: SACCYF

In line with the call for written and verbal submissions the South African Council of Churches Youth Forum hereby makes submission on the National Youth Development Agency Bill on the following topical issues:

Aims: Our submission is that in addition to the stipulated aims of NYDA, To ensure skills development and access to entrepreneurial opportunities and access to information for the creation and betterment of the South African society in general.

Board: As SACCYF we propose instead of the board the Council on Youth Employment, Training and Development, Business and Youth Affairs should be established to be referred to as “Youth Executive Council”. The council should have one representative from all government ministerial position who would be primarily responsible for ensuring that policies developed at various levels of government in as far as young people are concerned are implemented by respective ministries.

The council can be appointed through nomination by various youth organization from civil society, political organizations, religious youth, and youth in business, Youth from institutions of learning (Higher Institutions and Lower Institutions).

The council will be responsible for profiling of youth from various socio-economic positions: i.e. Rural Youth, Youth in Townships, and Youth in Schools, Youth in Universities, Youth in various Professions, Youth in Business, Religious Youth.

Objects of Agency

- Work jointly with youth organization in facilitating youth development, skilling of youth, ensure that business opportunities are created mainly for youth etc, etc,
- Make recommendation to various ministries instead of the Presidency (i).
- Work together with the Youth Council on various issues mentioned in the Objects (3) of the proposed bill and work jointly with the council and their recommendations.

Principles of the Agency

- To build a non-racial and non sexist society.
- To entrench the culture of patriotism to South Africa on youth and foster the knowledge of all national symbols, their importance and their significance.

Structure of NYDA

The structure of the youth agency would be comprising of:

- The executive (Five Positions: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Chairperson of Youth Affairs),
- Youth Executive Council,
- Inter-Ministerial Committee on Youth Development (NYDA)
- Parliamentary portfolio Committee on youth affairs and lastly
- Youth organizations.

The NYDA can operate and or exist within the Presidency but not limited to control from the presidency. It should be mentioned that the NYDA should not be subjected to guidelines governing the Presidency as a ministry.

There should not be the CEO of the AGENCY instead HEADS of various units to be established should be coordinated by the executive itself and accountable to the Youth Executive Council.

Such kind of structure should exist in provinces and to be determined on how other youth structures should exist in District Municipalities, Metro Municipalities and Local Municipalities.

Functions of Agency

In addition to (6) the Agency should be responsible primarily of implementing policies and programs developed by the Youth Executive Council.

Implementation of the Youth Development Strategy

Control and Management of Affairs of Agency

The control of the Agency will be by the parliament itself. How the funds are utilized will be the prerogative of parliament and various executive committees and or Presidency. The Youth Executive



Council will have a prominent role in terms of making decision on where the resources should be channeled in terms of needs identified. The Executive council will be required to play a monitoring and controlling role of the resources and assets of the NYDA.

Term of Office of the Executive and Youth Executive Council

We propose that the term of office should be the same as the term of office of any government ministry.

The meetings will be taking place or will take place as often as possible and as shall be determined by stakeholders in the NYDA.

NYDA Executive should meet youth organizations twice annually to review policy, identify gaps, make recommendation on the ever changing situations of young people in South Africa. To interact with youth structures