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Mr L P Khoarai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What steps has his department taken following the recommendations of institutional arrangements in the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS) to ensure that there are tourism co-coordinating structures like Local Government Bureaus at local government? NO1532E

Reply by Minister of Tourism

The NTSS has proposed institutional arrangements to be put in place in all spheres of government with a view to guide municipalities.

The Department has coordinated a number of workshops in provinces, attended by municipalities to share best practices in terms of coordination. In the workshops working models were shared by various provinces. The subject of coordination was also elevated as an agenda item at the recent Local Government Tourism Conference where a best case scenario was shared.

The Department is working with provinces to establish Provincial Tourism Fora which constitute provincial tourism departments, authorities and municipalities and ensure support to Regional Tourism Organisations (RTO's) and Local Tourism Organisations (LTO's).