

BRIEFING TO THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

TOURISM INVESTMENT FACILITATION AND SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM INVESTMENT SUMMIT

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PURPOSE

- Provide a progress update to the Portfolio Committee on Tourism on the Tourism Investment Facilitation area of work.
- This presentation provides a summary on the tourism investment pipeline as well as the South African Tourism Investment Summit



INVESTMENT PIPELINE – PROJECT CALL



CALL FOR PROPOSALS - 2025 & 2026

Department of Tourism call for proposals issued to:

- Provincial Governments
- Metropolitan Municipalities
- Private sector

Priority focus areas:

- Inclusive growth and job creation
- Reducing poverty and addressing high cost of living
- Building a capable, ethical and developmental state as well as the Medium-Term Development Plan

Categories:

- Construction of new assets
- Upgrading existing assets
- Refurbishment and repair of existing assets



PROJECT SCORING MATRIX

Tourism Bid Window Scoring Matrix

Prioritization	Compliance, Focus and Importance			5 As of Tourism Supply					Funding and Finance			Technical Findings, Risk and Readiness								Economic Impact Focus	
Collective Weighting	10%			23%					9%			49%								9%	
Individual Weighting	3%	2%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	10%	6%	5%	10%	8%	5%	5%	
Criteria	Application Compliance	Development Focus	Strategic Importance	Attraction Activities	Access	Accommodation	Amenities	Awareness	Funding Gap as % of Capital Expenditure	Funding Gap Definition	Funding Modality	Institutional Capacity Owner	Institutional Capacity Operator	Project Stage	Project Duration	Readiness	Technical Findings	Risk Assessment	Gross Performance Index	Location Quotient	
Scoring																					
1	Partial Compliance no Attachments	Unclear	Local	No existing Attractions or Activities	Difficult to access requires specialised vehicle	No accommodation within 50 km	No amenities within 50 km	No information provided	60% +	Unknown	Unknown funding solution	No Capacity for Implementation and Operation	No Capacity for Implementation and Operation	Unclear	24 + Months	Land secured	Significant issues	High	>100	>1	
2									51%-60%		Fiscus/Grant Funded			Project Definition and Scoping	18-24 months			Medium-High			
3	Partial Compliance with Attachments	Social	Provincial	Three (3) attractions or activity options suited to a range of budgets and preferences within a 50 km	Accessible through two(2) or more, safe comfortable and affordable travel options	Three (3) accommodation options suited to a range of budgets and preferences within a 50 km	1 hospital or clinic, 1 shopping centre or mall and 1 service station within 50 km	Locals understand the value of tourism	41%-50%	Limited Definition Provided	Blended Finance	Limited Capacity for Implementation and Operation	Limited Capacity for Implementation and Operation	Pre-feasibility	12 - 18 Months	Land and land use right secured	Several issues	Medium	100	1	
4									31%-40%		Commercial or PPP funding			Bankable Feasibility	9-12 months			Medium-Low			
5	Full Compliance	Commercial	National	More than three(3) attractions or activity options suited to a range of budgets and preferences within a 50 km	Easily accessible through a three(3) or safe, comfortable and affordable travel options including public transport	More than three(3) accommodation options suited to a range of budgets and preferences within a 50 km	More than 1 hospital or clinic, more than one shopping centre or mall and more than 1 service station within 50 km	Locals, community and elected representatives consulted and in agreement	0%-30%	Value and Need Clearly Defined	Private Funding	Full Capacity for Implementation and Operation	Full Capacity for Implementation and Operation	Implementation	6-9 months	Land, land use right secured and supporting infrastructure in place	No significant issues	Low	<100	<1	

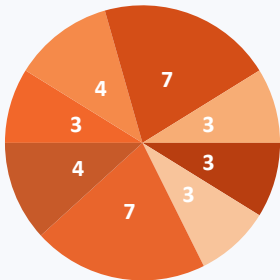
2025 PROJECT SUBMISSIONS BY STAKEHOLDER CATEGORY

Combined Batch 1 and Batch 2, including 11 additional SANParks projects requiring grant funding

Provinces

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Projects submitted by eight provinces

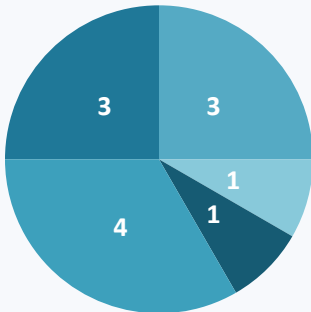


Limpopo Mpumalanga Free State
Northern Cape Eastern Cape KwaZulu-Natal
Western Cape North West

Metros

12

Projects submitted by five metros

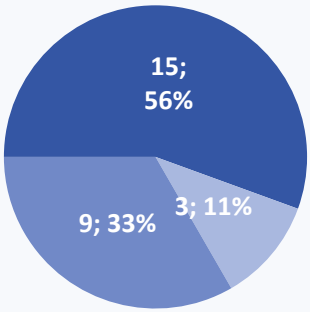


Buffalo City Mangaung Johannesburg
Tshwane eThekweni

Private Sector

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Including SANParks and iSimangaliso



SANParks iSimangaliso
Other private sector

COMBINED TOTAL

73 PROJECTS

Batch 1: 43 | Additional SANParks: 11 | Batch 2: 19

2025 INVESTMENT READY PROJECTS

(showcased at the 2025 SATIS)

Project Name	Province	Local Municipality	Total Project Cost	Application Compliance	Construction Jobs	Operations Jobs
Gods Window Skywalk	MP	Thaba Chweu	R 250 000 000	Full Compliance	300	100
Hole in the wall Resort	EC	King Sabata Dalindyebo	R 314 500 000	Full Compliance	100	85
Eye of Menlyn	GT	City of Tshwane	R 25 000 000	Full Compliance	100	30
Orpen Kruger Lodge	MP	Bushbuckridge	R 129 000 000	Full Compliance	100	80
Groote Schuur Restaurant	WC	City of Cape Town	R 20 000 000	Full Compliance	60	25
Water World Fun park	EC	Buffalo City	R 194 000 000	Full Compliance	100	20
Skukuza Rest Camp, Kruger National Park (KNP)	MP	City of Mbombela	R 90 226 000	Full Compliance	130	14
Tokai Manor, Table Mountain National Park	WC	City of Cape Town	R 69 000 000	Full Compliance	150	120
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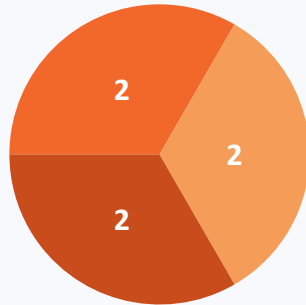
2026 PROJECT SUBMISSIONS BY STAKEHOLDER CATEGORY

Distribution of the **28 projects received** | Reporting position as at 24 July 2026

Provinces

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Submissions from three provinces



■ KwaZulu-Natal ■ Western Cape
■ Northern Cape

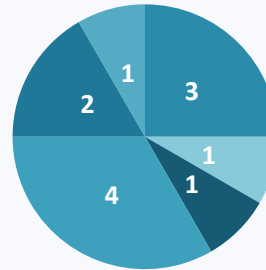
No submissions: EC, FS, GP, LP, MP and NW

Main reason: indicated no investment-ready projects

Metros

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Submissions from six metros



■ Johannesburg ■ Buffalo City
■ Nelson Mandela Bay ■ Tshwane
■ Cape Town ■ eThekweni

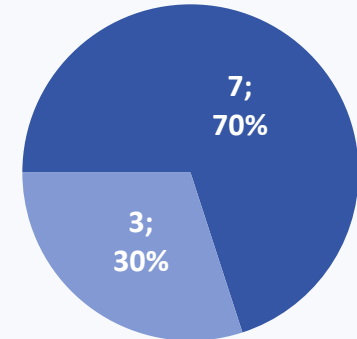
No submissions: Mangaung and Ekurhuleni

Main reason: indicated no investment-ready projects

Private Sector

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Pullen included under private entities



■ Private entities ■ SANParks

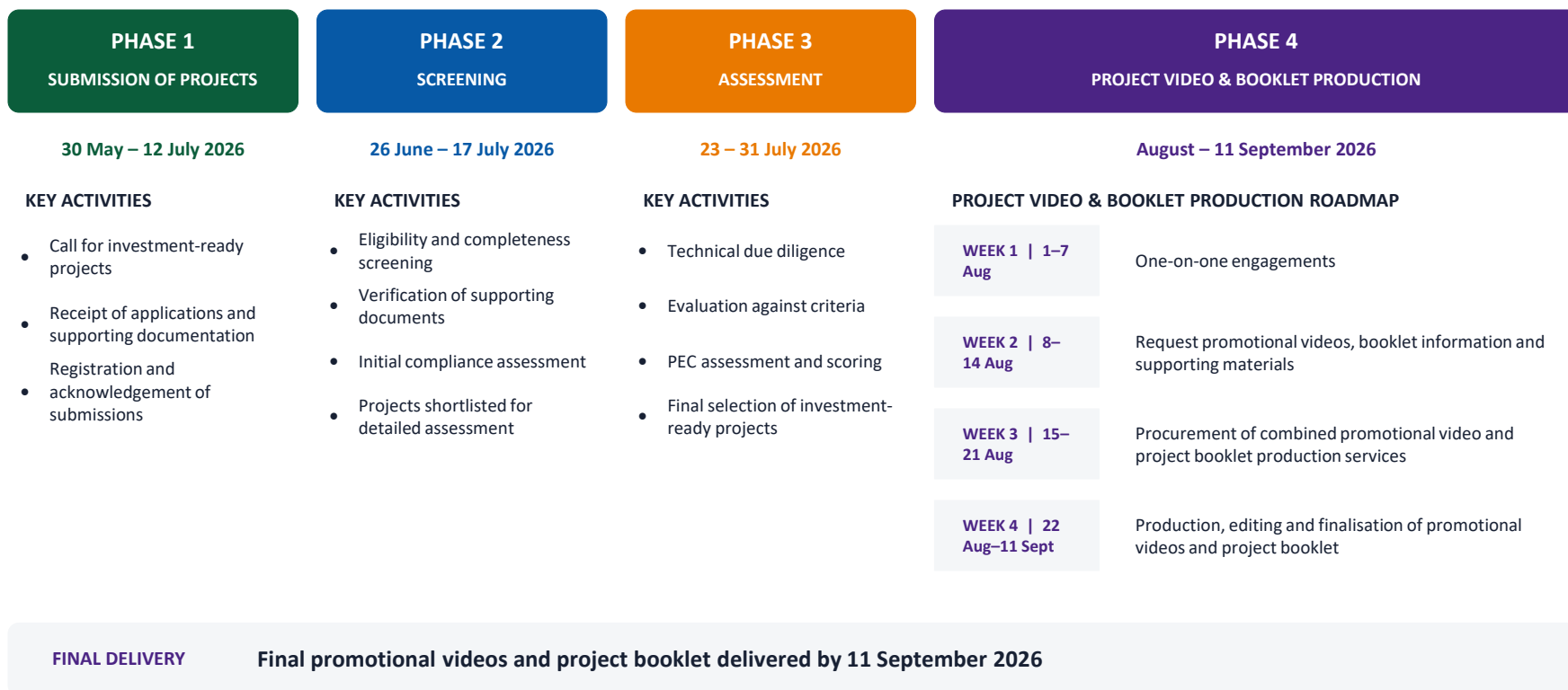
Private entities: 7 | SANParks: 3

Source: Tourism Investment Project Submission Update, reporting position as at 24 July 2026.

Portfolio Committee Presentation_Tourism Investment Facilitation & Summit

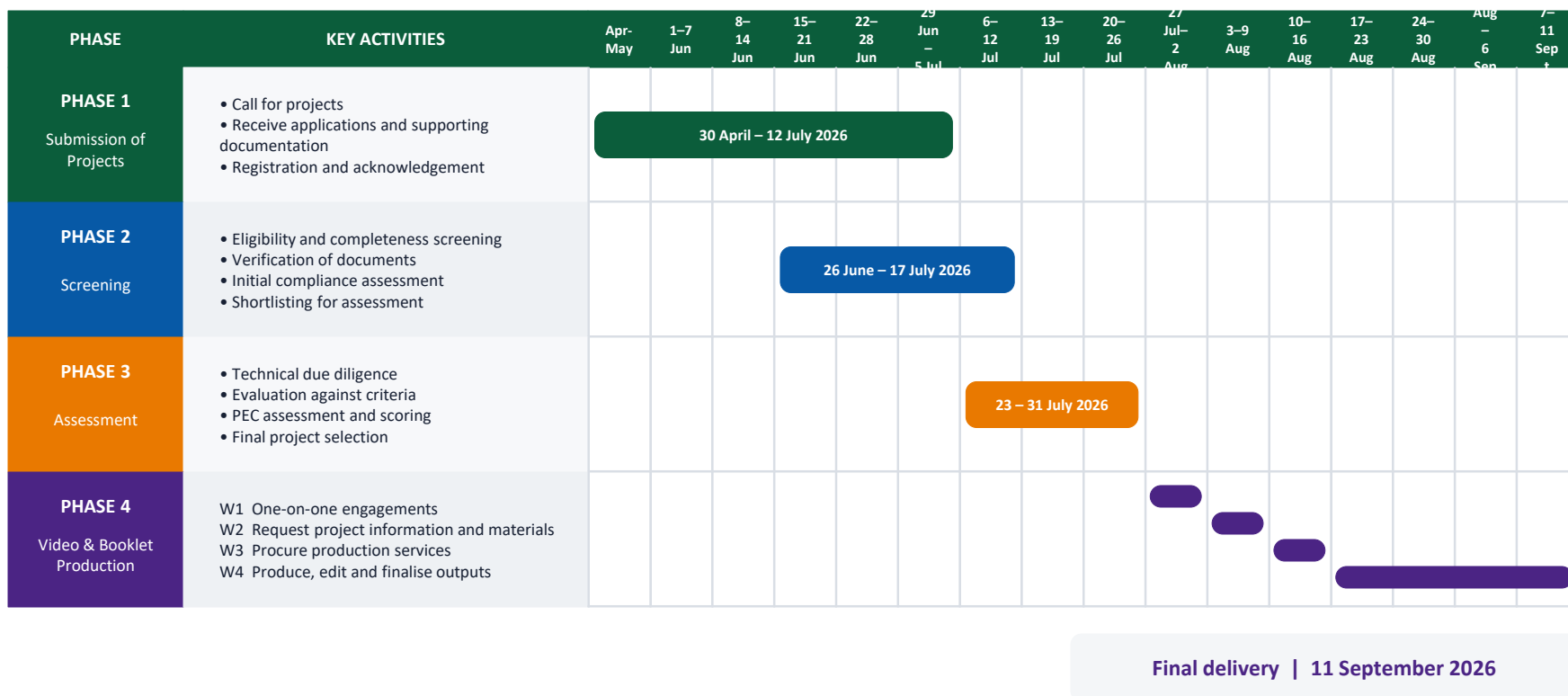
INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS TIMELINE | 2026

A transparent and rigorous process to identify and showcase investment-ready projects that drive sustainable tourism growth.



INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS | 2026 GANTT CHART

The programme progresses from submissions and screening to assessment, production and final delivery.



INVESTMENT PLATFORM- SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM INVESTMENT SUMMIT



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM INVESTMENT SUMMIT (SATIS)

- The first inaugural South African Tourism Investment Summit (SATIS) was hosted in September 2025. UNTourism developed Tourism Investment Guidelines collaboratively with the Department of Tourism for this event.
- The second SATIS is set to take place on the 30 September – 01 October 2026 in Johannesburg, South Africa. This two-day programme includes a welcome event on the 30 September and a full day investment summit on the 1 October.
- The Investment Summit provides an opportunity for foreign and domestic investors to interact with a wide array of product owners, political principals, development finance institutions (DFIs), and senior government officials. Such platforms have proven to be successful in assessing investors' appetite for South Africa's tourism investment projects by generating meaningful leads.
- The specific purpose of this event is to:
 - promote South Africa as preferred destination for tourism investment, and
 - promote specific tourism investment opportunities, i.e. match investors with specific South African tourism, travel and hospitality projects.



PLATFORM – TOURISM INVESTMENT SUMMIT

(preparations for SATIS 2026)

Aspect	Timeline	Status
Procurement of various elements	May-September 2026	In progress
Programme and speakers	July-August 2026	In progress
Logistical arrangements	July-September 2026	In progress
Marketing and Communications	July-September 2026	In progress
Hosting the Summit	30 September-01 October 2026	Not yet due
Summit Outcomes Report	November 2026	Not yet due

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Portfolio Committee on Tourism notes

- the progress update on the Tourism Investment Facilitation area of work
- the progress towards completion of the Projects Call process by 11 September 2026
- That the South African Tourism Investment Summit preparations are underway and that this event will be held in Johannesburg on the 30 September to 1 October 2026

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