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“MR J VOS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM:

Whether South Africa has subscribed to the Davos Declaration which underscores that the tourism sector must rapidly respond to climate change; if not, what are the reasons for not joining this important campaign and introducing mitigating measures; if so, what measures have been taken in this regard?”

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REPLY:

1. Yes
2. The National Department of Tourism (NDT), working together with stakeholders within the tourism sector, developed and currently implements the following climate change response measures:
 - (a) The National Tourism and Climate Change Response Programme and Action Plan (2011). The NDT is currently implementing the last phase of the Action Plan.
 - (b) Produced a Baseline Assessment Report on the Vulnerabilities of Tourism to Climate Change Impacts in partnership with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and German Technical Assistance (GIZ) in 2012. A Basic Vulnerability Assessment Guideline has also been produced for use by tourism products.

- (c) Conducted a number of Resource Efficiency and Greening Workshops targeting tourism businesses from 2010 to 2012 in partnership with DEA, Department of Water Affairs and Eskom.
- (d) Currently implementing a pilot resource efficiency programme with accommodation establishments in partnership with the National Cleaner Production Centre – South Africa (NCPC – SA).