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## **Minister of Tourism calls on public to submit public comments on Tourism Amendment Draft Bill**

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In keeping with the values and foundations of an open, accountable government in a participatory democracy, the Minister of Tourism, Derek Hanekom, published the Tourism Amendment Draft Bill for public comment today for 60 days to provide tourism stakeholders and citizens with sufficient time to engage with and to comment on the Draft Bill.

The Tourism Act, 2014 remains the legislative framework for the management and growth of tourism. It aims for the development and promotion of sustainable tourism for the benefit of the country and the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors. In addition, it provides for marketing of the country as a tourist destination and the promotion of quality products and services.

The purpose of the Tourism Amendment Draft Bill is to amend the Tourism Act, 2014 so as:

- i. to provide for the alignment of the governance of the South African Tourism Board,
- ii. to provide for the implementation of the grading system of South African Tourism;
- iii. to provide for the competence requirements of tourists guides; and
- iv. to provide for the determination on the threshold for short-term dwelling rentals.

The publishing of the Tourism Amendment Draft Bill allows for tourism stakeholders and citizens to participate in the drafting of tourism legislation and the Department of Tourism encourages all interested parties to send their comments to the following address:

By post: The Director General, Department of Tourism, Private Bag X424, Pretoria, 0001  
Attention: Ms M.M. Setwaba  
By hand: Ground Floor (Reception), Tourism House, 17 Trevenna Street, Sunnyside  
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Enquiries regarding the proposed Tourism Amendment Draft Bill , in respect of (1) the submission of public comments and (2) participation in workshops and possible public hearings, may be directed to Ms Mmaditlonki Setwaba at 012 444 6312 or by email [msetwaba@tourism.gov.za](mailto:msetwaba@tourism.gov.za)

The Tourism Amendment Draft Bill may be viewed on our website - [www.tourism.gov.za](http://www.tourism.gov.za)

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