#### SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP

## Collaboration between Government and Research Institutions in South Africa

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#### Context

Foundation for progress and sustainable socio-economic development due to evidence-based information and knowledge

#### Evidence-based research:

- Solutions to questions and problems
- Knowledge generation and expansion
- Better informed decision
- Effective action plans, policies, programmes and interventions

Institutions of higher learning and research: centers of generating evidence based information and knowledge:

Scientific rigorous, ethical and peer review process

Value of research: translate knowledge generation into practical application

Collaboration with institutions of higher learning and research; quality and credible research outputs with actionable recommendations



#### **Government and Research Institution Collaboration**

#### 2011-2012 FY

Engagement with DHET:
Buy-in

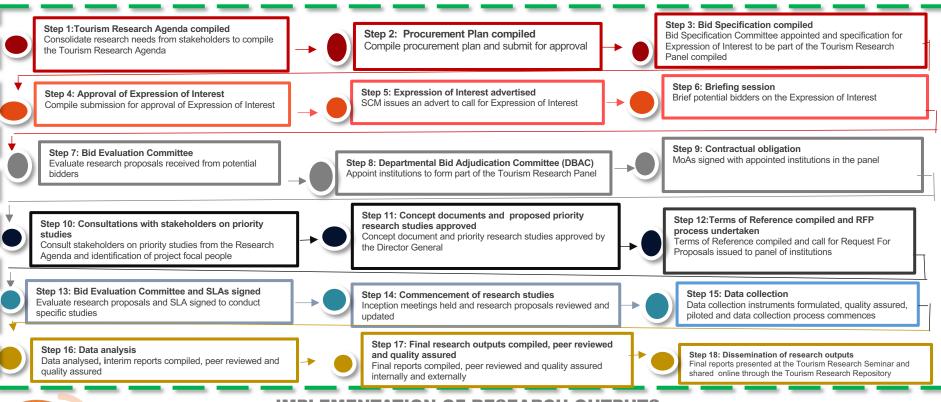
Concept document development : research approach National Treasury engagement: Support and Funding

National Tourism Research Framework Engagement with Institutions of higher learning

MoAs and SLAs



#### Research approach and process flow







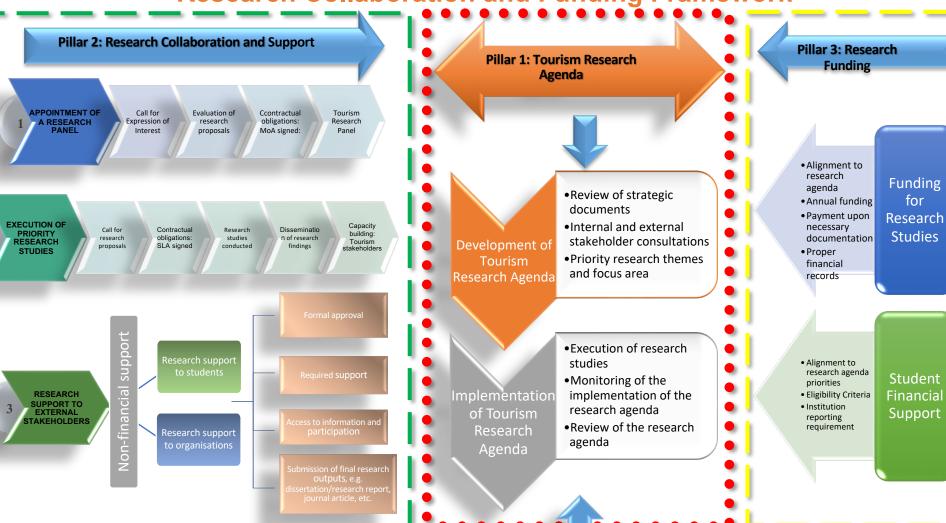
Capacity building workshops on research outputs

Capacitate stakeholders on application and operationalisation of research outputs (frameworks, guidelines, training manuals, etc.)

Implementation of research outputs

The implementation of research outcomes is the responsibility of line functions and branches

#### **Research Collaboration and Funding Framework**



Pillar 4: Dissemination and Capacity Building Platforms: Tourism Research Seminar, Student Research Seminar, Public Lectures, Research Repository and tourism-related events

#### Pillar 1: Tourism Research Agenda



#### Research agenda development process

The Tourism Research Agenda: a framework to identify and inform current and future tourism research priorities and needs to inform policy, planning, interventions and decisions making

#### Research agenda process flow

Phase 1: Review of strategic documents

Strategic documents consulted:

- NTSS; Strategic Plan, APP
- Tourism Sector master plan;
   Tourism Sector Recovery Plan
- Economic Reconstruction and Recover Plan
- Green paper on the development and promotion of tourism



Phase 2: Stakeholder consultations

External and internal stakeholders:

- Branches
- NTRC
- Provinces and local municipalities
- Academia
- Tourism business and associations
- Other stakeholders

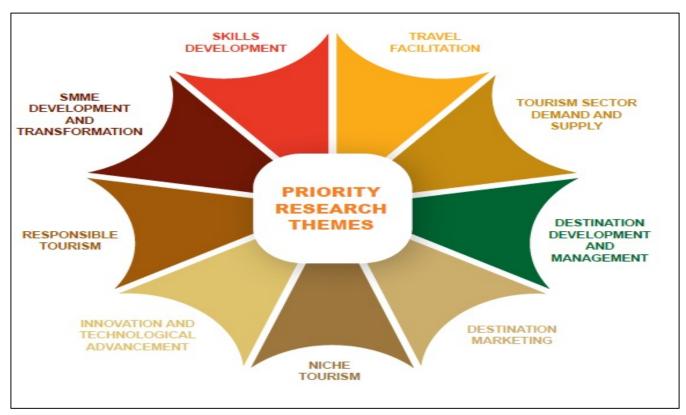
Phase 3: Analysis of information and compilation of the agenda



RESEARCH AGENDA

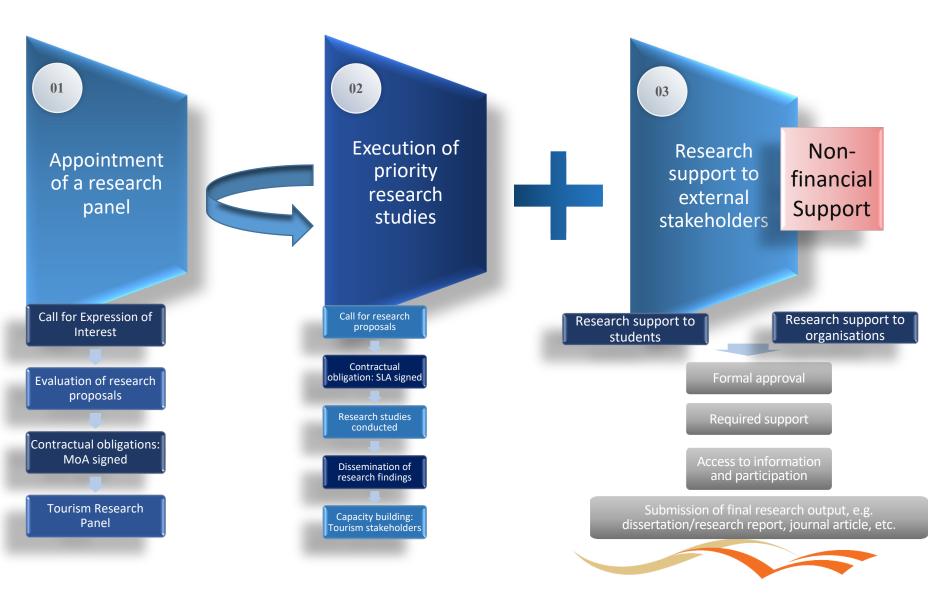


#### PRIORITY RESEARCH THEMES





#### Pillar 2: Research Collaboration and Support



#### **Pillar 3: Research Funding**

#### **Funding for Research Studies**



- Alignment to the Tourism Research Agenda
- Annual funding
- Payment upon necessary documentation
- Proper financial records

# Aligned to the Tourism Research Agenda



#### Student Financial Support



- Alignment to the Tourism Research Agenda
- Annual funding
- · Eligibility criteria
- Institution reporting requirements



### Pillar 4: Dissemination and Capacity Building Platforms



Tourism Research
Seminar Physics

Physical platform / hybrid

#### Student Research Seminar

Physical platform/ hybrid







**Public Lectures** 

Physical platform / hybrid

#### **Research Repository**

Online platform





Tourism-related events

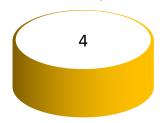
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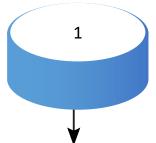
#### **Key Lessons and Conclusions**

Enhances generation of evidencebased knowledge and actionable research outcomes

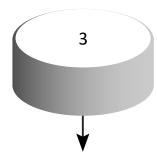


Review of the collaboration: lessons and improvements





Value of collaboration: confidence in quality and credibility of research outcomes



Develop a structured approach to collaboration

- Advancement of tourism research
- Skills transfer and empowerment
- Stakeholder involvement: Research agenda
- Approach of guide collaboration: Framework
- Expression of interest



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