

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP) FOR THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE OF CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document provides you with information about the proposed name change of Cape Town International Airport. It describes the following:

- Background information regarding the motivation for the name change;
- Information about the legislative process; and
- Suggestions on how you can participate in the process.

2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

On 22 March 2018, the Honourable Minister of Transport Dr BE Nzimande directed the Airports Company South Africa, Cape Town International Airport to facilitate a name change as part of the Transformation of Heritage Landscape Government Programme.

Other airports undergoing this process simultaneously include East London, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth. An advert in this regard appeared in the Cape Times | City Press | Daily Dispatch | Diamond Fields Advertiser | Sunday Times | The Herald on Wednesday 23 May 2018 | Sunday 27 May 2018

Chand has been appointed as independent public participation consultants to facilitate the public meeting which includes activities leading up to and after the meeting in relation to the name change process for the Cape Town International Airport.

3. WHAT IS THE MOTIVATION FOR THE NAME CHANGE?

Prior to 1994, the government undertook a conscious decision to transform the heritage landscape to better reflect the cultural diversity of South Africa. The Heritage Landscape Government Programme supports this intention.

4. HOW DOES THE NAME CHANGE PROCESS WORK?

Legislation:

The name changing process is governed by the South African Geographical Names Council Act, 1998 (Act No.118 of 1998). In terms of this Act, the South African Geographical Names Council (SAGNC) and the Provincial Geographical Names Council was established as the bodies responsible for standardising geographical names in South Africa. They are constituted by the Minister of Arts and Culture.

The steps involved:

The Act defines how the process is undertaken. Refer to Figure 1 overleaf for a simple explanation of this process. There is also a Handbook on Geographical Names which simplifies the Act:

<http://www.dac.gov.za/sites/default/files/Handbook%20on%20Geographical%20names.pdf>

Key Role-players:

The key role players in this process are:

Minister of Transport:

- Decision to commence the name change process at four airports.

Airports Company South Africa, National:

- Lead the renaming process on behalf of the business.

Airports Company South Africa, Regional:

- Co-ordinate the regional elements of the name change for Cape Town Airport.

Chand – Independent facilitators

- Facilitate the public meeting;
- Ensure comments are captured in a transparent manner;
- Compile a Public Input Report capturing the results (discussions) of the public comment; and
- Present the report to the Department of Transport / ACSA for processing.

Provincial Geographical Names Council (PGNC):

- Review the Public Input Report to ensure the process was conducted fairly and independently;
- Review the recommendations for the names submitted and check compliance with the criteria as set out by legislation and the Handbook on Geographical Name Changes;
- Send recommendations to the South African Geographic Names Council (SAGNC).

South African Geographical Names Council:

- Receive the recommendations from the PNGC, reviewing the process undertaken and the recommendations to ensure compliance with the Act;
- Review the process undertaken and the recommendations to ensure compliance with the Act;
- Give a recommendation to the Minister of Arts and Culture.

Minister of Arts and Culture:

- Receive the recommendation from the SAGNC;
- Make the final decision.

Once the final decision is taken this information is circulated in the public domain through the appropriate channels. The Minister must have the name gazetted for 30 days.

5. ARE THERE SPECIFIC NAMES TO VOTE ON?

This public engagement process is aimed at giving opportunity to all members of the public to creatively submit their comments/thoughts on a possible name.

6. HOW HAVE THE PUBLIC BEEN INFORMED OF THIS PROCESS?

The public were first made aware of the name change on Wednesday 23 May in a variety of newspapers.

Subsequent to that, regional and community adverts informing of the upcoming public meeting and contact details for submissions have appeared in:

NEWSPAPERS:

Cape Times	Monday, 28 May 2018
Cape Argus	Wednesday, 30 May 2018
Weekend Argus	Saturday, 26 May 2018 and Sunday, 27 May 2018

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS:

16 community newspapers	Wednesday, 30 May 2018 and Thursday, 31 May 2018
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The following radio stations were given a live read for listeners:

RADIO STATIONS

Cape Talk / Prime Media
Good Hope FM
Heart FM
Smile FM

COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS

Bush Radio

Radio Tygerberg
Voice of the Cape
Radio 786
Radio Zibonele

Radio CCFM

In addition to the information circulated in the media, notices were sent to the Sub-Council, Ward Councillors and libraries in the metropole.

This Background Information has been placed on the Chand website for those parties requesting information.

7. HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

As part of this process, a public meeting will be held on:

YOUR INVITATION TO PARTAKE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING:

Date:	04 June 2018
Time:	18:30 – 20:00
Venue:	Cape Town International Airport Parkade 1, level 1.

Comments or suggestions for the name change are requested from the public. Should you or your organization have any comments or queries, please ensure to provide these by no later than **6 June 2018** to:

Email: airportnamechange@chand.co.za
SMS: 0799477410

We look forward to your participation in this process.

