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# **BRIEFING**

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# Heritage Day

## 24 September 2001

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- Popular national holiday - celebrates culture and heritage
- Changing themes reflect national priorities
- 2001 - “Celebrating National Symbols”
- **Aim** - familiarising South Africans with national symbols
  - developing pride for symbols



## Heritage Day (contd.)

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- **Symbols build national unity**
- **Familiarising South Africans with symbols will encourage respect and ownership**



# Heritage Day (contd.)

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## **New way to celebrate**

- **Preceded by education and publicity campaign**
- **Followed by development of guidelines around use of national symbols**
- **Main event on 24 September:  
Street parade in Tshwane/Pretoria**



# The Music Industry Task Team (MITT)

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**Previous policy interventions to transform arts and culture:**

- White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage [1996]**
- Cultural industries Growth Strategy [1998]**
- Cabinet's Economic and Employment Cluster Lekgotla [2001]**



## MITT (contd.)

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- ♪ Specific forum needed for problems in SA music industry
- ♪ MITT established in 2000 - local and international experts
- ♪ Brief:
  - Investigation of industry
  - Recommendations to government



# MITT (contd.)

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## Recommendations included

- ✓ Social benefit schemes for artists
- ✓ Legislative amendments to Copyright and Labour Relations Acts
- ✓ Establishment of Music Export Council
- ✓ Raising of Local Content Quotas
- ✓ Mechanisms to combat music piracy
- ✓ Mechanisms to develop industry as a whole e.g. a music industry development fund



## MITT (contd.)

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- ♪ Problem issues involved different Departments
  - ▶ Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology
  - ▶ Department of Trade and Industry
  - ▶ Department of Labour
  - ▶ Department of Communications
  - ▶ Department of Education
  
- ♪ DACST is working with these Departments to implement recommendations



## **MITT (contd.)**

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- ♪ Pilot project with Legal Aid Board:  
offering legal assistance to musicians**
- ♪ Cost: R1-million over next two years**
- ♪ Will train a number of lawyers in  
specifics of music business**



# The Biotechnology Strategy

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- ★ **Differential access to biotechnology latest manifestation of North/South divide**
- ★ **Developing countries realise importance of developing own biotechnology industries**
- ★ **SA must develop capacity in this area**



# Biotechnology Strategy (contd.)

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- ★ **Potential of biotechnology industry for economic growth and development confirmed by National Research and Technology Foresight Study [Launched March 2000]**
- ★ **Biotechnology influence in various sectors proven**



# Biotechnology strategy (contd).

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- ★ SA needs to manage development of biotechnology  
- minimising risks, maximising positive socio-economic impact
- ★ National biotechnology strategy being developed
- ★ Expert panel



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## ★ Major role in HRD in

- molecular biology
- bio-informatics
- information technology
- engineering
- business development

## ★ Biotechnology incubator for 15-20 SMMEs



# Developing SA's research capacity

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- **Development of research capacity amongst black South Africans neglected under previous government**
- **NRF mandated to develop research capacity in range of new areas of national priority**



# Developing SA's research capacity (contd.)

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## Progress

- ▶ **37% of Doctorate and Post Doctorate bursaries (2000/2001) in Natural, Life and Engineering Sciences to black students**
- ▶ **25% increase in uptake of black masters students in 2000/2001**
- ▶ **Of 3574 current bursary students, 2066 are black, 1567 are female**



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- ▶ **R19 million granted to 54 research teams at Historically Black Universities**
- ▶ **45 % capital allocation to equipment (R800 000) disbursed to Historically Disadvantaged Institutions**
- ▶ **28% growth in number of scholarships granted by Social Science and Humanities Division of NRF**
- ▶ **This translates into 65% of the total number of scholarships to black students**



# Transforming the Science Councils

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- ▶▶ Number of black senior managers in Science Councils increased from 4% in 1994 to 28% in 2000
- ▶▶ Ministry and Department will continue to work towards transformation of all associated institutions