

## EDUCATION PUBLIC POLICY DIALOGUE SERIES

[\\*NB: Submissions must conform to the template stipulated below. Additional documents in support of submissions can be annexed.](#)

**Thematic areas include Governance, Teachers, Curriculum, Resourcing, Rural Education and Inclusive Education.** Please conform to the template and consider the questions raised below when drafting your submission (this will aid in collating all responses).

Section A:

Submission by: \_\_\_\_\_

Thematic area: \_\_\_\_\_

Section B: Overview Statement

What laws and/or policies have had the greatest impact in transforming education since 1994? What have been the gains made because of these laws and/or policies? Are there parts of these laws or policies which should be strengthened or amended in any way?

What laws or policies have limited the achievement of an equitable, high-quality system of education in South Africa? If possible, refer specifically to those parts of the law or policy that are seen to be a problem.

In each case, explain (using examples if possible) how these laws and/or policies affect the functioning of schools and or Departments in promoting equity and/or quality in education. You may also identify areas where new policies or laws are needed, and not just changes to existing ones.

Since this is a policy review, submissions should try to distinguish between matters that are policy related and those that are more about how a law or policy is applied. Some implementation challenges may be a result of inappropriate laws and/or policies; if so this should be indicated.

Where possible, submissions should also indicate if they refer to either provincial or national laws and policies.

### Section C: Recommendations

In broad terms, suggest how any of the laws and/or policies identified above could be changed to improve the achievement of equity and quality in education.

### Section D: Consideration of Impact

Try to describe the consequences you think the proposed changes would have for education and assess whether there would be any negative consequences of such a change to laws or policies.

Indicate whether you believe the proposals you make will be widely supported.

While all policy and legislation are under review, key policies and legislation that should be considered include:

- White Paper 1 and the National Education Policy Act
- White Paper 2 and the South African Schools Act
- White Paper 4 on ICTs in Education
- White Paper 6 on Inclusive Education
- The Employment of Educators Act
- The Basic Education Laws Amendment Act 2016

Note that all education-related laws and policies are available on the website of the Department of Basic Education:

<http://www.education.gov.za/Resources/Legislation.aspx>

<http://www.education.gov.za/Resources/Policies.aspx>