

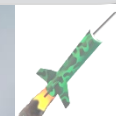


**SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR
THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**

South Africa: Confidence Building Measures Development

**UNIDIR: BWC FoC Webinar on Confidence Building and Transparency,
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KEY MECHANISMS

- Primary legislation: Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act, 1993 (Act No. 87 of 1993)
- The National Contact Point/National Authority – South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (NPC)
- Multistakeholder Forum: Biological Weapons Working Committee (BWWC)



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- SA has a Weapons of Mass Destruction Legislation: Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Missile Dual-Use Items
- Primary legislation: Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act, 1993 (Act No. 87 of 1993)
 - Prescribes the establishment of a National Authority
 - Establishment of Committees to assist it in achieving its objectives
 - if the Council so requests, make a declaration furnishing all information requested by the Council.
- Secondary legislation: Regulation (Registration) and Government Notices (export control list); promulgated a code of conduct



NATIONAL AUTHORITY/ NCP

- Person specifically designated to be responsible for CBMs: lead the process
- The South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (NPC)
- Statutory body appointed by Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to control and manage matters related to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Republic



MULTISTAKEHOLDER FORUM: BWWC

- The NPC has established the Biological Weapons Working Committee (BWWC) to advise of BWC implementation:
 - ➔ They also assist in the gathering of information and preparation of the annual Confidence Building Measures Declaration = the primary source of data collection
- Composed of various stakeholders: Government Departments, State Owned Entities and Industry
- Institutions that provide input into the forms are represented



CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES

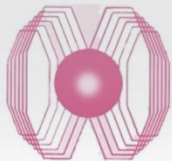
- ➔ Establishment of a multistakeholder forum: assists in the compilation of CBMs and overall implementation of BWC and related controls
- ➔ Importance of doing skill gap analysis of Committee/Stakeholder: address deficiencies
 - Go further than just identifying the Department- put the section
- ➔ Challenges: Representative not relevant or considering operational requirements of other departments
- ➔ Important for NCP to also conduct research on industry
- ➔ Importance of National Implementing Legislation



QUESTIONS !!

THANK YOU

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