

RESOLUTIONS TAKEN AT THE SECTOR STRATEGIC RETREAT

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The core business of the Retreat was to explore solutions to resolve some of the challenges associated with implementing the National Sport and Recreation Plan (NSRP). Challenges are experienced in the following areas:

1. Governance and boundaries
2. Transformation
3. Sports Councils
4. Clubs
5. School sport
6. Academy system

Specific challenges in each area were discussed in topic-specific break-away groups by the delegates present. The outcomes of these discussions were tabled at the plenary session and the following resolutions were taken. Some resolutions (A) were already captured in the NSRP and these have been marked appropriately. Other resolutions (B) need to be considered for immediate action, whilst others (C) have been ear-marked for consideration at a later stage.

A. Confirmation of what is already captured in NSRP

1. SASCOC to conduct an audit on the NFs compliance to the NSRP resolution to align their geo-political boundaries (NSRP pg 62) (Nov 2013). Provincial departments to assist in validating the information (Mar 2014).
2. The implementation of the NSRP must be prioritised.
3. The NSRP needs to be monitored (NSRP pg72).
4. Need to establish a Sports House (NSRP pg 48).

5. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities (NSRP 71) – could be considered for review.
6. Ensure that all NFS sign the Code of Conduct (NSRP pg 61).
7. Establish a National Sports Funding Forum (NSRP pg 53).
8. Conduct an audit to identify training needs in NFs (NSRP pg 50).
9. All spheres must be involved in the oversight and coordination of transformation (NSRP, pg 57).
10. There must be a baseline established for the transformation of NFs – then targets should be set for transformation progressively (NSRP, pg 57).
11. Indicator should relate to “training of educators and or volunteers” to allow sector to progress regardless of education complexities / pressures. (NSRP, pg 26 & 51).
12. Appropriately support the development of a club system (NSRP, pg 42).

B. Resolutions

1. SASCOC to oversee compliance to good governance in the constitutions of national federations, including the term of office.
2. SASCOC to develop an induction manual and facilitate the transition and training of newly appointed office bearers.
3. SRSA to convene and chair an annual meeting between the Heads of Department responsible for sport in the provinces and the senior management of SASCOC.
4. Eminent Persons Group must conduct workshops and road shows across the country to amongst others educate federations on the completion of the transformation scorecard.
5. The workshop acknowledged the difficulty of implementing school sport leagues in the rural areas and as such it was resolved to stage sports festivals in rural areas.
6. Investigate the integration of school sport structures into national federations and resolve of issue of clashing competition schedules.
7. All talented learners should be linked to affiliated clubs for further development.
8. At one least school per province should be registered as a specialist sport school with amended curriculum requirements.
9. Amend the SAIDS Act (No. 14 of 1997) to allow doping testing in schools.

10. School Governing Bodies should be informed of the priority codes identified by the sports sector.
11. SRSA to appoint a small task team to sort out the school sport structure challenges by the end of 2015.
12. A regulatory framework for academies at the different levels must be finalised and address important issues such as the composition of the boards, role clarification, athlete selection, line of reporting, and funding.
13. Sports Councils to be re-named *Sports Confederations* by the end of 2013.
14. National forum dealing with issues relating to the Sports Confederations to be established between government and SASCOC.
15. Ensure that the new approach to club development includes a framework to strengthen existing clubs.
16. MECs to lobby to increase the provincial allocation of the equitable share for sport and recreation objectives.

C. Issues to be considered for delayed implementation

1. The consequences for non-compliance to the NSRP must be enforced uniformly across all spheres of Government, and punitive measures could include:
 - a. De-registration
 - b. Withholding National Colours
 - c. Naming and shaming
 - d. Withholding funding
 - e. Legislation
2. Age group tournament of selected athletes should replace the current system. The schools league (top schools) should end at provincial level.
3. The school sport codes should be restricted to 6-8 codes and not 16 codes.