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APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL EDUCATION EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT (NEEDU)

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP, Minister of Education, hereby appoint a Ministerial Committee on the National Education Evaluation and Development Unit (NEEDU).

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AIM

1. The central task of the Ministerial Committee is to recommend to the Minister, mechanisms through which *independent* evaluation and development of schools can be undertaken.

MANDATE AND BACKGROUND

2. The Government has been mandated to establish a national education evaluation and development unit for purposes of monitoring, evaluation and support.
3. In pursuance of this mandate, the Minister wishes to explore the establishment of an external unit, outside of the Department of Education, but accountable to the Minister, that would be responsible for the independent evaluation and development of schools (including teachers). The unit is expected to serve at an "arms length" authority.
4. The unit is expected to monitor, evaluate and report on all public schools over a cycle of years against national norms and standards.
5. The unit will utilize its own programme and method of evaluation but will ensure integration of its own measurement instruments and if necessary of its processes with existing measurement instruments and processes such as the Integrated Quality Management System, Systemic Evaluation and Whole School evaluation.

SCOPE OF WORK

6. The Committee will undertake the following in cooperation with Mr D Hindle, the Director-General of Education:
 - a. Review all existing policies, mechanisms, structures, processes and tools that evaluate and develop schools and teachers.