

PAC Developments in South Africa

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What is APAC?

- APAC stands for Association of Public Accounts Committees
- It is made up of the nine PACs from the provincial legislatures together with the one from National Assembly
- In 2010, the membership of APAC was opened to PACs at a local government sphere called Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPACs)



The Legislature Sector Oversight Model

- The Legislative Sector Oversight Model is a giant step towards a formulation of a unified framework for the Legislative Sector of South Africa.
- The approach is to encourage the development of common standards, vision and principles, and implementation of best oversight practices in South Africa.
- The model is expected to contribute to conducting of effective oversight by the Legislatures over the Executive - resulting in enhancement of service delivery and improved quality of life for all South Africans
- Link: http://www.sals.gov.za/research/oversight_model.pdf



APAC Capacity Building programme

- PAC Members Annual Training
- MPAC Members Annual Training
- PAC & MPAC Support Staff Training
- SADC/Africa Training [Malawi, Namibia, Botswana, Liberia]
- SAQA accredited qualification (MoU with TUT)
- Requested to champion the establishment of a Parliamentary Institute by Speakers Forum of South Africa



APAC/SAI cooperation and support

- APAC and the SA SAI have a strong relationship that is guided through a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)
- Part of the deliverables of this MoA is the SA SAI providing secretariat services for APAC
- Quarterly AG roadshows where discussions are held on the performance of departments, municipalities and their entities
- Commitments are made by each party relating to how the audit outcomes can be improved



APAC knowledge sharing platforms

- APAC runs national conferences every year.
- These conferences have become a flagship project for APAC and have enjoyed attendance from their entire continent including other countries like Australia (Prof Loney), Canada, UK, etc.
- Apart from conferences APAC also organises seminars and workshops (e.g. Workshop on Strategic Collaboration with Law Enforcement Agencies & Constitutional Institutions)



APAC strategic collaboration partners

APAC attributes its success to strong relationships with various institutions and organisations, namely:

- Auditor-General of South Africa
- National Treasury
- Swiss Agency for International Development & Aid
- SA Speakers Forum
- Deloitte



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