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PARLIAMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE BILL (B9-2022)

Representatives from parliament held a public participation workshop on Climate Change Bill at Marapong on 16 February 2023. The workshop was in preparation for the Waterberg District public hearings on Climate Change Bill that was held in Belabela on Sunday 19 February.

Parliament is mandated by the constitution to ensure that the public is involved in all its processes, including law-making. To satisfy this mandate, The portfolio committee on Forestry, Fisheries and Environment is affording all interested and affected parties to participate in the processing of the Climate Change Bill.

The Bill seeks to craft and implement an effective national climate change response, including to mitigate and adapt actions, that represents the country's fair contribution to the global climate change.

The overall purpose of the Bill, is to enable the development of an effective climate change response and the long-term, just transition to climate-resilient and lower-carbon economy and society, and to provide for connected matters.

Following the completion of the public participation process, the committee will consider all public inputs on Climate Change Bill for the National Assembly to pass it. The Bill will then be referred to the National Council of Provinces for further deliberation and concurrence. Thereafter, the Bill will be sent to the President for assent and signing into an Act of Parliament.

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