



NKOWANKOWA ECONOMIC RENEWAL INITIATIVE (NERI)

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NERI BUSINESS FORUM: TERMS OF REFERENCE / CHARTER

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(Adopted by NERI Board Resolution)

1. INTERPRETATION AND LEGAL STATUS

- 1.1 "NERI" means NKOWANKOWA ECONOMIC RENEWAL INITIATIVE (NPC Reg: 2026/531180/08).
- 1.2 "The Forum" means the NERI Business Forum, an official sub-structure of NERI.
- 1.3 The Forum is not a separate legal entity. It cannot contract, hold assets, open bank accounts, or employ staff in its own name.
- 1.4 All legal rights, obligations, assets, and liabilities relating to Forum activities vest in NERI.

2. OBJECTIVES

1. Organise networking events between local businesses.
2. Facilitate business-to-business referrals and partnerships.
3. Conduct marketing, sales, and trade events.
4. Deliver business education workshops on compliance, digital tools, and financial literacy.
5. Administer a donor-funded bursary programme for local youth (managed by NERI).
6. Provide tender-readiness and compliance support (not preferential access).
7. Aggregate member concerns for submission into GTM's IDP processes.
8. Attract global and diaspora partners and investors.
9. Coordinate member-driven community CSI initiatives.

3. WHAT THE FORUM DOES NOT DO

The Forum does not pool member funds, lend money, guarantee tender access, replace government processes, act as a political organisation, or hold assets independently.

4. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 4.1 Steering Committee: NERI Chairperson Amen Kwetsimani Clive Phambane (Chairperson of Forum), NERI CEO Dion Nkuna (Deputy Chairperson), NERI General Secretary Areka Logan Khosa (Secretary), and up to five (5) elected Forum members.
- 4.2 The Chairperson of the Forum provides strategic direction, presides over meetings, and represents the Forum externally.
- 4.3 The Steering Committee reports to the NERI Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The Steering Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Open to registered businesses, chambers, SOEs, and NPOs. 5.2 NERI may reject any application. 5.3 Categories and fees are set by the NERI Board. 5.4 Members must sign the Agreement and Code of Conduct.

6. REPORTING LINE

The Forum reports to the NERI Board via quarterly reports and an annual report.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

NERI Business Forum | Chairperson: Amen Kwetsimani Clive Phambane (chairperson@theneri.co.za) | Deputy Chairperson: Dion Nkuna (deputychairperson@theneri.co.za) | Secretary: Areka Logan Khosa (generalsecretary@theneri.co.za)

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8. AMENDMENT AND REVIEW

This Charter may be amended by resolution of the NERI Board. Reviewed annually.

STANDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Amen Kwetsimani Clive Phambane, Chairperson of NERI and Chairperson of the Business Forum, is also the founder and director of Phambane Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd (trading as Phambane Nexus), a commercial AI and digital services company. In any Forum matter where Phambane Group Holdings is referenced or proposed as a service provider, the following shall apply: (a) the interest must be declared before the relevant agenda item; (b) Amen Kwetsimani Clive Phambane shall recuse himself from all deliberations, decisions, and votes; (c) the recusal must be recorded in the minutes; (d) any contract exceeding R10,000 requires competitive quotes from at least three suppliers. This standing disclosure protects both NERI and Amen Kwetsimani Clive Phambane by ensuring full transparency and proper recusal procedures are followed at all times.

Amen Kwetsimani Clive Phambane

Chairperson & Public Officer

Date: _____

Dion Nkuna

Deputy Chairperson & CEO

Date: _____

Areka Logan Khosa

General Secretary & Projects Mgr

Date: _____