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Public Consultation on Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Policy and Bill (PDALB) extended

The draft Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Policy and Bill (PDALB) as per Government Gazette Number 40247, Notice Number 984A are now available for the second round of reviews and open for comment until **30 October 2016**. The [updated document](#) incorporates public comments received from the first phase of public engagement. This bill is focused exclusively on land use and not land ownership.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is inviting further public views, concerns and insights. Participation in the public consultation workshops is to ensure another opportunity for engaging, sharing options and providing the best approach to consider PDALB. One workshop will take place per province during September, leading up to a national workshop on 12 October 2016 in Pretoria.

The Department recently concluded the Gauteng workshop and engaged with interested and affected parties in Pretoria. Mariana Purnell, General Manager of Agbiz Grain, attended the meeting and provides more information regarding the rationale for the [policy and bill](#) as well as the [draft policy and the draft bill](#).

The scheduled consultation workshops on the draft Policy and Bill are intended to provide for public engagement in law-making through to ensure that social and economic imperatives are addressed. The bill is intended to ensure the sustainable development of the agricultural sector to maintain food security and to create 1 million jobs envisaged in National Development Plan.

The revised documents are available on the departmental website on www.daff.gov.za. Written comments may be submitted on the [submission template](#) **before 30 October 2016** or during workshops. All submission must be directed to: Directorate: Land Use and Soil Management, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Private Bag X120, Pretoria, 0001. Physical address: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Delpen Building, Corner of Annie Botha and Union Street, Riviera, Pretoria. Enquiries and comments may be e-mailed to: PDALB@daff.gov.za; Fax: (012) 329 5938.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) workshops on the Preservation and Development of Agricultural Land Policy and Bill took place in the respective provinces during September: Polokwane 19th; Bloemfontein – Glen college 21st; Kimberley 22nd; Mafikeng 23rd.

The following workshops are still to come:

- Stellenbosch – Elsenburg 26 September
- East London 27 September
- Pietermaritzburg – Cedara 28 September

LINKED INFORMATION

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