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PROGRAMME

TIMINGS	SPEAKER	COMMENTS
11:00 WELCOMING	DR M. KHANYILE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR CEMIS STELLENBOSCH UNIV
11:10 OPENING	SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE / REPRESENTATIVE	DOD TBC
11:25 OPENING STATEMENTS	MR M. BIDZHA (NATIONAL TREASURY) HON MR S.J.F. MARAIS MP (SA PARLIAMENT) MR S. NDLOVU (AMD) PROF R. NCWADI (NMU) PROF F. VREÿ (SU)	5 MIN OPENING STATEMENT PER MEMBER MODERATED BY PD
12:10 QUESTION SET DISCUSSION	STRUCTURED Q&A SESSION PROGRAMME DIRECTOR	QUESTION SET FOR PANELISTS
12:40 OPEN Q&A SESSION	Q&A FROM REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS	COLLATED AND POSED BY CAPT(NAVY) M. BLAINE
13:00 CLOSING	DR M. NEL VICE DEAN PERSONNEL & COMMUNITY INTERACTION FACULTY OF MILITARY SCIENCE	STELLENBOSCH UNIV

BIOS OF PARTICIPANTS

Mr ML. Bidzha (National Treasury). Mr Bidzha is a Director within the Public Finance Division at National Treasury and is responsible for the budgetary and financial governance issues of the Department of Defence and its entities and that of the Department of Military Veterans. He has been at the National Treasury since 2012. Prior to joining the National Treasury, Mr Bidzha spent two years at Absa Business Banking as an analyst. Mr Bidzha holds a Master of Commerce (Mcom) degree in Economics from the University of Johannesburg and is currently pursuing a PhD with the same institution. Mr Bidzha is also a qualified Radiographer and has worked in both the public and private hospitals over the period 2005 to 2008.

Hon Mr J.S. Marais (MP). Hon Kobus Marais has been a Member of Parliament for the Democratic Alliance (DA) since 2006 and is the current Shadow Minister on Defence and Military Veterans. Hon Marais has been an active Member of both Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans as well as the Joint Standing Committee on Defence since the Fifth Parliament. He previously served as the DA Spokesperson in various sectors, including Finance, Trade and Industry, Economic Development and Public Service and Administration. He holds both a B.Econ and MBA degree from the University of Stellenbosch.

Mr S. NDLOVU (Aerospace and Defence Industry Association (AMD)). Mr Ndlovu, a former naval officer, began his career in the South African Navy as a Combat Officer. After completing his studies from the Military Academy, he joined Defence Intelligence as a Counter-Intelligence operative, responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of South African assets and personnel during projects/operations/exercises. In 2008 he left the SANDF to pursue a career in the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), as a Regional and International Anti-Corruption Coordination official. While with DPSA he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Director Anti-Corruption Policy, responsible for drafting anti-corruption policy, frameworks and procedures for the Public Service. From 2010 to 2012 he held various posts at Director level in DPSA such as Director: Research and Speechwriting, Director: Head of Ministry Administration and Director: International Relations. Currently he serves in the following positions. Centurion Aviation Village (CAV) Chairperson; Africa Aerospace and Defence Air show (AAD) Executive Chairperson; SA Aerospace and Defence Industry Export Council (SAAMDEC) CEO; Aerospace and Defence Industry Association (AMD) Interim Executive Director. Academically he holds a BMIL Degree in Africa and Security Studies, from the Military Academy – under the auspices of Stellenbosch University, an Honours Degree in Africa Studies from UNISA and an MBA from GIBS – University of Pretoria.

Professor R. Ncwadi (Nelson Mandela University). Prof Ncwadi holds a PhD in economics from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU). Prof Ncwadi's areas of specialization are Public Finance, International Finance, Labour Markets, Macroeconomics, Development Economics and Applied Econometrics. He has published both in local and international journals and has read papers at various academic conferences both in South Africa and abroad. Prof Ncwadi is currently a Full Professor of Economics and Director of the School of Economics, Development and Tourism at Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth.

Prof F. Vreÿ (SU). Prof Francois Vreÿ is Emeritus Professor in Military Sciences, Stellenbosch University. He obtained his PhD in futures studies with a dissertation on alternative military futures from the Institute for Futures Research (USB) and lectured in the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch

University for 22 years. Prof Vreÿ now serves as the Research Coordinator for the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA), Stellenbosch University. He is a C1 Rated Researcher of the National Research Foundation of South Africa. His research fields include Africa's emerging maritime security setting and maritime security governance off Africa in particular. His current post involves building international research partnerships on leadership, landward and maritime security governance, and cyber security.

Dr M. Khanyile (Stellenbosch University). Dr Khanyile is currently the Director at the Centre for Military Studies (CEMIS) in the Faculty of Military Science at Stellenbosch University. He also serves as an external supervisor for masters and doctoral students at UNISA's Graduate School of Business Leadership and also at Da Vinci Business School of Leadership. He also sits in the Editorial Board of the African Journal of Employee Relations (Unisa) and the Academic Advisory Board (University of Free State). His research interests include defence planning and corporate governance; defence industry and international security dynamics. He holds a PhD in International Politics (Pretoria University), Master of Arts (Stellenbosch University) and Master of Business Leadership (UNISA).

Dr M. Nel (Stellenbosch University). Dr Michelle Nel, BLC, LLB (Pret) and LLM, LLD (Unisa), is Vice Dean of Social Impact and Personnel and joined the Faculty of Military Science in 2002 as a senior lecturer in Criminal and Military law and the Law of Armed Conflict, having served as Military Law Practitioner in the SANDF since 1996. She was admitted as advocate in 2005 and completed her Doctor of Laws in 2012. She also serves as part-time researcher in SIGLA's maritime governance hub. Her areas of research include good governance, International Law, Military Law and Maritime Security. Her work has been published in South Africa and internationally.