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**National standardization: administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures**

### Appointment of the South African Geographical Names Council

#### Summary\*\*

A call for the nomination of members of the new South African Geographical Names Council was opened by the Minister for Arts and Culture in July 2010 and closed in August 2010. Letters were sent requesting the provincial members of the executive council, the Minister of Land Affairs and Rural Development, the Minister of Cooperative Governance, the Minister of Communication, the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Heritage Council and the Pan South African Language Board to nominate their representatives to the Council for the new term of office. Advertisements for the call for nominations were posted in national newspapers, including the *Sunday Times*, the *City Press* and the *Beeld*.

The Minister appointed a panel to assist the Chief Directorate: Heritage and the South African Geographical Names secretariat with the selection. In January 2011, the Panel met to finalize the appointment of ministerial appointees.

On 17 February 2011, a new South African Geographical Names Council was appointed and the Council, in consultation with the Minister, appointed Advocate K. Sizani as its Chair.

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Trueman Khubheka, South Africa, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

