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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PROVINCIAL GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) in which South African Geographical Names Council (SAGNC) and the South African Geographical Names Unit/Secretariat reside has taken upon itself to drive capacity building and an awareness campaign in all nine provinces in order to build capacity for provinces to be able to enforce policies of the SAGNC at provincial level.

Capacity building will focus on the use of the recently established geographical names database system and facilitation of an online application by the public and other institutions.

The process will take place for the duration of three months beginning from May 2004 up until July 2004. Each province will be visited by senior official of the Department and of the South African Geographical Names Unit who will help with the processing of application forms.