



# ***Public policy engagement***

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## Introduction to Sasol

- integrated energy company with substantial chemical interests,
- Listed on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE) in 1979, and on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in 2003
- World leader in producing liquid fuels from coal and natural gas via Fischer Tropsch Process
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- UN GC CEO Water Mandate endorsed by Sasol CEO – March 2008



## How does Sasol approach water policy engagement?

- seldom comment as asol (unless issue is very specific to the company's

- NEDLAC (National Economic Development and Labour Council) is a vehicle through which business engages with government and labour

- Government engagement with organised business, labour and community groupings

- Discuss and obtain consensus on issues of social and economic policy

- Process called "social dialogue"

- Adopt a constructive approach:

- "This is the issue, this is what we think is wrong and this is our proposal on how to fix it"



## ***Why does Sasol participate in water policy engagement?***



***Business not opposed to regulations, but regulations should be:***

- easy to understand and use*
- be consistently applied*
- applied in a harmonized way*
- avoid regulating the same issue with two (or more) pieces of legislation*



***Regular engagement leads to the building of personal relationships and ability to engage through informal networks***



## What benefits result from Sasol's water policy engagement?

- Highest strategic collaborative structure for the South African water sector*
- Serves as platform for seeking consensus on key policies, strategies and frameworks*
- Membership includes water sector players from local government, agriculture, industry, environment and civil society*
- Sasol still new to global policy engagement*
  - Recent engagement with International Finance Corporation on environmental guidelines*
  - Pleased with consideration given to comments provided on coal and gas processing*



## Conclusion on Sasol's water policy engagement

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*Thank you*