



## CONCLUSION

The Department has embraced the challenge of a leadership role for water and forestry sectors. We have to lead the country to use water and forest resources wisely and sustainably for the benefit of all our people, especially the previously disadvantaged. As sector leader, a key element of our role to ensure a common vision and approach in each sector. Good strides have been made in this regard, but several challenges remain.

There are a number of institutions and structures that need to be streamlined to make them more effective. The rate of delivery of sanitation needs to increase to meet the 2010 target. In forestry, the transfer of the Department's remaining plantations needs to be fast-tracked. The Department still manages to strengthen and regenerate local economies and to achieve the objectives of BBBEE. Cooperative governance will go a long way in shaping the developments and ensuring focus on the main challenges.

However, there is a long road ahead to ensure that the natural resources of the country continue to provide a foundation for sustainable social and economic development and to ensure that the process respond aggressively to the MTSOs and the broader government agenda of development.

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