

## **NEMA - PROCLAMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AT 22 OF 2024**

Hi there

The President has assented to the Climate change Act 22 of 2024 on 23 July 2024 by Notice in the Government Gazette. It was proclaimed that the date of commencement of the Act was 17 March 2025, save for sections 2(6), 13(1), 13(2), 13(3)(b), 14(3)(a), 15(5), 15(6), 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25(4)(c), 26(2) to (6), 27, 28 and 30(2)(a) and (b), which have been deferred to a later date. The reason for deferring these specific provisions is that the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is developing a set of regulations that will enable implementation of these provisions.

### **More information:**

The Act aims to—

- (a) provide for a coordinated and integrated response by the economy and society to climate change and its impacts in accordance with the principles of cooperative governance;
- (b) provide for the effective management of inevitable climate change impacts by enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to building social, economic and environmental resilience and an adequate national adaptation response in the context of the global climate change response;
- (c) make a fair contribution to the global effort to stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that avoids dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system;
- (d) to ensure a just transition towards a low carbon economy and society considering national circumstances;
- (e) give effect to the Republic's international commitments and obligations in relation to climate change; and
- (f) protect and preserve the planet for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind.

The Act represents the nation's most comprehensive response to the global climate crisis. It mandates sector-specific carbon budgets for businesses, setting clear limits on greenhouse gas emissions. Exceeding these limits may result in penalties. Companies are required to develop and implement strategies to achieve mandatory emission reduction targets, necessitating investment in cleaner technologies and sustainable practices. Additionally, businesses must submit detailed reports on their emissions. The Act also encourages the adoption of green technologies to support long-term sustainability goals.

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### **Where do I access this information?**

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We trust that this information will serve to be of some assistance to you, and look forward to your positive feedback!

Implex regards,  
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