

Support to and reports by Board

15G. (1) (a) The Director-General must provide administrative and financial support to the Board so as to enable the Board to perform its functions in terms of this Act.

(b) The Board may, with the approval of the Director-General and subject to the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), appoint a person or institution to assist the Board or a Land Rights Management Committee in the execution of its functions.

(2) The Board must quarterly, or when requested by the Minister, provide a comprehensive report on its activities to the Minister.

Land Rights Management Committees

15H. (1) (a) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Board, establish Land Rights Management Committees and determine their areas of operation.

(b) The number of such committees and the number of members of each committee must be determined by the Minister after consultation with the Board.

(2) (a) The Committees shall be composed of representatives of occupiers, labour tenants, communal property associations, various land owners, officials from the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, state institutions with vested interests in land matters, various relevant non-government organisations and civil society organisations, local farming and business development agencies, organised labour and representatives of the local government structures.

(b) The Board must, after consultation with the Director-General and having regard to the provisions of paragraph (a), nominate the persons to be appointed as members of a committee.

(c) The persons identified in terms of paragraph (b) must be appointed by the Minister.

(3) The Committees shall—

(a) identify and recommend acquisition of land for settlement and resettlement of occupiers, including facilitation of the implementation of section 4;

(b) facilitate the provision of municipal services on the acquired land, in consultation with the municipality concerned;

(c) identify and monitor land rights disputes observed through adequate participation of all actors whose relative rights are contested;

(d) take steps to resolve a dispute referred to in paragraph (c);

(e) in the event that a dispute cannot be resolved, refer such dispute to the Board;

(f) assist the Board in providing the information necessary to populate the data base contemplated in section 15C(1)(b); and

(g) perform such functions as delegated to it in terms of section 15C(3).”

Amendment of section 21 of Act 62 of 1997

9. Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3):

“(3A) The Director-General may refer the disputes contemplated in this section to the Board for mediation or arbitration as contemplated in section 15C(1)(d).”

Amendment of section 28 of Act 62 of 1997

10. Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution in subsection (1) for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph:

“(a) general conditions for the **[granting of subsidies]** provision of tenure grants in terms of section 4;”