



The areas we as the Council of Traditional Leaders and the Namibian Traditional Authorities Trust would like to cover when visiting the House of Traditional and Khoi-San leaders in South Africa.

1. Governance and Institutional Framework

- Understand the legal and constitutional basis that establishes and governs the House of Traditional and Khoi-San leaders.
- Learn how traditional leadership is formally recognized and integrated into South Africa's three-tiered government system.
- Examine the legislative role of the House in advising Parliament on customary law, traditional affairs, and socio-cultural matters.

2. Functionality and Operations

- Observe the administrative functioning of the House and its relationship with provincial and local traditional councils.
- Explore how the House facilitates coordination among traditional leaders across provinces.
- Understand budget allocations, operational mandates, and how institutional support is provided to traditional leaders.

3. Cultural Preservation and Indigenous Identity

- Learn about initiatives for preserving indigenous languages, cultural practices, and traditional governance systems.
- Discuss the role of the House in advancing cultural education, heritage festivals, and indigenous knowledge documentation.
- Exchange experiences in promoting national unity through cultural pride.

4. Land, Resource Rights, and Customary Governance

- Explore how traditional leaders manage communal land and natural resources under South African law.
- Examine the interaction between traditional leadership and land reform programs, including land claims and restitution.
- Discuss community benefit-sharing models from mining, forestry, and agricultural projects on communal land.

7. Traditional Leaders in Business and Economic Development

- Explore how traditional leaders and communities are involved in structured **business and economic activities**.
- Understand the creation and governance of **community trusts, investment arms, or traditional authority-owned companies**.
- Examine the **legal and institutional frameworks** that allow traditional leaders to enter joint ventures, lease communal land, and derive revenue for development.
- Discuss successful **public-private partnerships** and business models driven by traditional leaders in sectors such as:
 - Agriculture and agro processing
 - Community-based tourism and cultural heritage enterprises
 - Renewable energy and land leasing for infrastructure
 - Mining royalties and equity participation

8. Customary Justice and Dispute Resolution (Optional) (information purposes)

- Understand how traditional courts and dispute resolution structures operate under South African customary law.
- Discuss how these systems coexist or conflict with statutory courts, especially in family, land, and inheritance matters.

9. Pan-African Collaboration and Cross-Border Exchange

- Discuss opportunities for strengthening inter-country relations between traditional leadership structures across the SADC region and beyond.
- Explore prospects for pan-African platforms focusing on indigenous governance, climate resilience, youth development, and cultural diplomacy.
- Propose frameworks for joint heritage festivals, cultural exchanges, and regional advocacy on indigenous rights.

10. Documentation, Succession, and Knowledge Preservation

- Explore how South Africa documents traditional leadership succession, lineage, and authority recognition.
- Learn about digitization of records, oral histories, customary laws, and cultural assets.
- Discuss collaborative archival, academic, and museum partnerships that preserve indigenous knowledge systems.