Strengthening Integrated Development Planning for improved spatial integration and economic development

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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

1. Legislative imperatives for integrated development planning
2. Local sectoral planning and integration
3. Strengthening partnerships for improved integrated planning for economic development
4. Concluding Remarks
CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Provide democratic and accountable government for local communities.

Ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner.

Promote social and economic development.

Promote a safe and healthy environment.

Encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in the matters of local government.

SCHEDULE 4B AND SCHEDULE 5B
Outlines the functions of local government.
Legislative and policy environment clearly outlines the role of local government.

Role of local govt is not to create jobs; **but**

To ensure that the overall economic and social conditions of the locality are conducive to the creation of employment opportunities.
PURPOSE OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- Promote intergovernmental coordination and alignment
- Contribute towards spatial integration
- Provide a framework for economic and social development
- Improve and speed up the delivery of services

Policy imperatives → Community needs → Development vision of a municipality → INTEGRATED PLANNING → Developmental outcomes
LOCAL SECTORAL PLANNING AND INTEGRATION

SECTOR INTEGRATION PROCESS

Developmental Outcomes

Integrated Cities, towns, rural areas & social Cohesion

Local Economic Development

Environmental Sustainability

Spatial Vision

Integrated Human Settlement Plan

Social, Economic & Environmental vision

Input Sector Plans

Strategy Support plans

Implementation Support

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Spatial Development Framework (SDF)

Local Economic Development Plan

Environmental Management Plan

Integrated Waste Management Plan

Integrated Transport Plan

Disaster Management Plan

Financial Plan/Strategy

Integrated Waste Management Plan

Integrated Energy Plan

Water Services Development plan

Integrated Comprehensive Infrastructure Plan

Institutional Plan

Spatial Vision

Environmental Management Plan

Integrated Human Settlement Plan

Integrated Waste Management Plan

Disaster Management Plan

Financial Plan/Strategy
STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPROVED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

• Planning for economic development should aim to create and maintain a strong, vibrant local economy. Local government economic development planning require a multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approach which require cooperation and alignment of plans across government and other stakeholders including the private sector.

• IDPs conceived as intergovernmental planning instruments. This provides an opportunity to effectively facilitate and coordinate interventions by different role players in specific places.

• Local Economic Development is a key component of the IDP. However, it has been observed that IDPs of some municipalities do not reflect the programmes and investments by private sector and other government spheres planned for each municipal space. The IDP should inform other stakeholders operating within a municipal space e.g businesses, SMMEs, mining companies.

• Participation by local stakeholders (private sector, traditional authorities, communities, etc) in municipal planning processes remains key. This will ensure that LED issues are fully reflected in municipal plans (SDF, LED plan, IDP).
CONCLUDING REMARKS

• Advocacy for the local economic development is critical – this will ensure proper planning and increased resource allocation across government.

• All stakeholders should support municipalities on the development of economic development plans and ensure integration in the IDP.

• Ownership and buy-in by local stakeholders (private sector, traditional authorities, communities, etc.)

• Government projects and private sector investments in priority local areas should be coordinated effectively through joint planning initiatives.
DISCUSSION POINTS

- Role of the municipality in economic development
- Importance of all stakeholders participating in municipal planning processes
- Partnerships for effective spatial integration
Thank You!

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