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KWAZULU NATAL SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT FORUM

CHALLENGES MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNALS CEDARA 02 SEPTEMBER 2016

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CHALLENGES

1. Some municipalities have gazetted the bylaw however the MPTs are not in place. Decisions are not taken with regard to certain category of applications as these have been categorised to be decided by the MPTs
2. Challenge with the skills required for the appointment of MPT members some municipalities have advertised more than three times without success
2. In some instances where MPTs have been appointed some members lacked the understanding of the Municipal bylaw
3. In some instances MPT some members lacked understanding of their roles and responsibilities
4. Due to some members not being planners there is a lack of understanding of planning processes and the importance of timeframes.
5. The procedure to run a tribunal is also a challenge. There was a case with one municipal MPT where an objector was forcefully removed by security personnel from the venue of the hearing, this as a result of being no operating procedure to guide the functioning of the MPT



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Key Interventions

- COGTA is currently working on developing a generic procedure manual that municipality can adopt in order to assist with the running of the MPTs
- COGTA, DRDLR and SALGA provide technical support to municipalities in as far as setting up of an MPT
- Together with DRDLR and SALGA COGTA is providing assistance with the induction of the MPTs members
- To date we have assisted with the induction of Ugu JMPT, uThungulu North JMPT and Umzinyathi DJMPT

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