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KZN DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS 2019/20

HIGH LEVEL ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK

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TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE KZN A BETTER PROVINCE TO LIVE IN, TOGETHER WE WILL MOVE SOUTH AFRICA FORWARD



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SDF ASSESSMENT 2019/20

The primary aim of the assessment is to **facilitate the formulation of credible and implementable SDFs** in line with the **legal requirements**, and to **align** municipal SDFs with national and provincial spatial planning directives.





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ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

- Ensure alignment with requirements of Section 21 of the Spatial Planning Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013 (SPLUMA);
- To establish the **credibility and completeness** of each SDF;
- To assist municipalities to **strengthen the legal compliance** of the SDFs across province;
- To assist the municipalities to improve **the integration of budgeting and strategic planning processes** through the SDF (Capital Investment Framework);
- To improve SDFs in order to appropriately inform the introduction of **wall-to-wall Schemes** which are a required component of SDFs in terms of the MSA and the PDA;
- To engage with District Municipality and Local Municipalities in order to **improve the strategic focus** of the SDFs; and
- To **identify Municipalities that requires direct support** with the development of their SDFs where appropriate.



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2019/20 ASSESSMENT

As part of the 2019/20 SDF Assessment the following departments were involved in the Cross-Cutting KRA assessment:

- EDTEA: Environmental Affairs;
- DARD: Department of Agriculture;
- DoHS: Department of Human Settlements;
- HDA: Housing Development Agency;
- DSD: Department of Social Development;
- STATSA: Statistics South Africa;
- DRDLR: Department of Rural Development and Land Reform;
- MISA: Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency;
- CoGTA : Land Use Management;
- CoGTA : Spatial Planning; and
- CoGTA : Disaster Management.



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HIGH OBSERVATIONS NOTED FOR EACH ASSESSMENT SESSION

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ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN:

- Is commended on incorporating climate change issues, together with the environmental tools developed and monitoring thereof;
- Drastic improvement on the disaster management issues including alignment of IDP, SDF and the sector plan; budget and profiling;
- Latest Stats data used, with demographics and population distribution clearly stipulated. However, use of datasets from STATTSA is recommended;
- Section 21 SPLUMA principles well addressed with alignment to local programs; and
- Commended on maintaining high value agricultural land.



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UTHUKELA FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- The District EMF needs to be reviewed;
- Climate Change response strategies need to be developed by the family;
- The District family is encouraged to improve disaster risk profiling and alignment thereof with the various SDFs;
- Okhahlamba Municipality is commended on its positive budget related to disaster issues; and
- SPLUMA principles have been listed but not localised.



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UMKHANYAKUDE FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- There are varied levels of environmental compliance in Municipalities which needs to be greatly improved.
- The outcomes of the District EMF have not been implemented.
- Principles of environmental sustainability have not been reflected.
- Not all demographic characteristics are addressed. However, it is noted that the District SDF has improved in terms of data analysis.
- District Disaster maps are outdated which has been used by the Local Municipalities.
- Scheme guidelines for Local Municipalities have not been localised to the area.
- CIF has either been omitted from SDFs or are outdated.



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KING CETSHWAYO (KCDM) FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- Some of the Local SDFs need to be updated as they are still referring to uThungulu and Ntambanana.
- Long term vision for most Municipalities have not been undertaken.
- Agricultural compliance is poor across the family.
- Varied Environmental compliance in Municipalities. The District Municipality is applauded for the development of the various environmental tools and Umhlathuze on the comprehensive environmental analysis.
- Greater alignment is required between the District and the Local Municipal SDFs – in terms of findings, trends and proposals.



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ZULULAND FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- Greater alignment is required between the District and the Local Municipal SDFs – in terms of findings, trends and proposals as well as projects.
- District to have a clear approach on spatial restructuring of LMs.
- District WSDP dated 2012 , needs to be updated to accommodate changing circumstances.
- Key findings on the demographic analysis to be included with recommendations. The Abaqulusi Municipality is commended on its approach on statistical data analysis.
- There are varied levels of environmental compliance in Municipalities. Abaqulusi, uPhongolo and eDumbe Municipalities are commended on their detailed analysis.



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UMZINYATHI FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- Greater alignment is required between the District and the Local Municipal SDFs – in terms of findings, trends and proposals.
- Adequate Long Term visioning has not been undertaken for all SDFs.
- CIFs and mapping within all SDFs have either been omitted or include outdated information.
- Proposed strategies need to relate to the local context and to issues identified through the Status Quo Analysis.
- Umvoti housing chapter commendable.
- There are varied levels of environmental compliance in Municipalities. Municipalities encouraged to employ environmental personnel and source funding for developing environmental tools.



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AMAJUBA FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- Whilst demographic characteristics are covered and addressed by most SDFs, it is recommended that population pyramids need to be developed for the representation of population age cohorts.
- CIFs and mapping within all SDFs have either been omitted or include outdated information.
- Disaster Risk areas need to be mapped and updated by all Municipalities.
- There are varied levels of environmental compliance in Municipalities.



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UGU FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- There is still a need for alignment between Sector plans, the IDP and SDF.
- There are varied levels of environmental compliance in Municipalities. Environmental tools developed by the District are not reflected in some of the Municipal SDFs.
- Risk profiling has been omitted or outdated in some cases.
- No mapping of disaster risk areas in the entire family.



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ILEMBE FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- District SDF is commended on the analysis of stats information.
- Stats data used for some Municipalities needs to be improved in that there is a lack of mapping on demographics and distribution as well as indication of the data source.
- SPLUMA principles have been indicated in most Municipal SDFs but not localised in terms of strategies and objectives.
- The district family in compliance with environmental expectations even though there are improvements to be done. With Mandeni commended on the Coastal Access Plans.
- KwaDukuza and Mandeni Municipalities have submitted comprehensive housing chapter with estimated costs per project.



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UMGUNGUNDLOVU FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- District and Impendle Municipal SDFs are very outdated and require urgent review.
- The Umgeni Municipality is commended on its mapping, strategies and plans related to agricultural aspects.
- There are varied levels of environmental compliance in Municipalities.
- Greater alignment is required between the District and the Local Municipal SDFs – in terms of findings, trends and proposals.
- Certain Local SDFs where extremely lengthy and subject of information dumping.
- Most of the SDFs have strategies that do not relate to the local context and issues identified in the Status Quo Analysis.



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HARRY GWALA FAMILY OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- An improvement is noted with regards to environmental issues for the District and Greater Kokstad SDFs.
- Improved sector alignment is required in all Municipal SDFs as it related to disaster management in terms of updated risks maps and associated budget.
- SPLUMA principles have been indicated in most Municipal SDFs but not localised in terms of strategies and objectives.
- CIFs and mapping within all SDFs have either been omitted or include outdated information.



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OVERALL OBSERVATIONS



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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- More **spatially focussed visions** need to be included that align with the IDP.
- Too much emphasis on ***Status Quo* Analysis with information dumping** and not enough on Spatial Analysis and recommendations of the SDF.
- Spatial Strategies and Objectives are **too general**.
- Improvement of **Capital Investment Frameworks** as part of the SDF with related mapping of projects as well as the inclusion of **Sector and Municipal Department projects**.
- Development of **Capital Expenditure Frameworks**.
- **National and Provincial policies** [beyond the NDP and PSEDS] needs to be discussed especially in relation to the local area and its issues.
- More focus on Long **Term Planning** in the form of Municipal Development Strategies.



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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Better alignment is needed with Sector Plans** prepared at both the District and local municipal levels.
- **Impact of the SDF on the Natural Environment** and the protection thereof, needs to be included within the SDF –CBA, ESA, Wetlands, Protected areas, Rivers and Wetlands.
- The **protection of High potential Agricultural Land** needs to be addressed.
- **Guidelines for Land Use Schemes [LUMs]** needs to be further detailed beyond the general definition and its link to the SDF. Where Schemes are adopted or in the process of adoption, must be reflected in the SDF.
- **Consultation process** needs to be included.
- **STATSA Midterm estimates** need to be used as part of the review.



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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Municipalities have not identified or quantified locational requirements of **engineering infrastructure and services provision** (capacity) for existing and future development needs for the next five years.
- Going forward, the revision of the SDF needs to ensure alignment with the findings and recommendations of:
 - The **National Spatial Development Framework**;
 - The **Provincial Infrastructure Master Plan**;
 - The **Provincial Spatial Development Framework**; and
 - Alignment of the **Municipal Capital Expenditure** with the PSDF.



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WAY FORWARD

- District Family SDF Assessment reports will be distributed to all Municipalities within the course of next week.
- District family IDP alignment sessions are currently underway wherein feedback on the assessments are being made. This will also be extended to Planner's Forums.
- CoGTA has confirmed the transfer of grant funding, within the 2019/20 financial year, for the purposes of reviewing SDFs as it relates to the: KCDM, Ilembe, Zululand, Umgungundlovu and Umzinyathi District Municipalities.
- CoGTA: Spatial Planning is currently undertaking a process of reviewing the SDF Assessment Template in conjunction with CoGTA: IDP and various sector departments to ensure alignment with the current Municipal context as well as legislative requirements. Engagements will be held with Municipalities during this process for discussion and input.

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Thank you.