



## PARTICIPATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The PSDF provides the people of the Northern Cape with the opportunity to help formulate and give expression to a long-term vision for the Province. Active participation of all concerned is therefore a key requirement. The principle of inclusivity is embodied in the PSDF process and stakeholders will be consulted to the extent possible and practical. This will be ensured through scheduled meetings, workshops and information distribution. Meetings will be held in the main regional hubs of Kimberley, Upington, De Aar and Springbok and in smaller locations as may be required.

The PSDF process will be managed by a dedicated organisational structure comprising all relevant departments and other key stakeholders. Access to, and participation of, the lower sphere governments will be facilitated through existing communication structures.

## CONCLUSION

Our day and age requires that innovative action be taken by the present generation to ensure that our world will remain able to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Accordingly, the PSDF serves as an enabling policy and strategy towards **enhancing our future** in a spirit of *Ubuntu* (translated as 'a person is a person through other persons').



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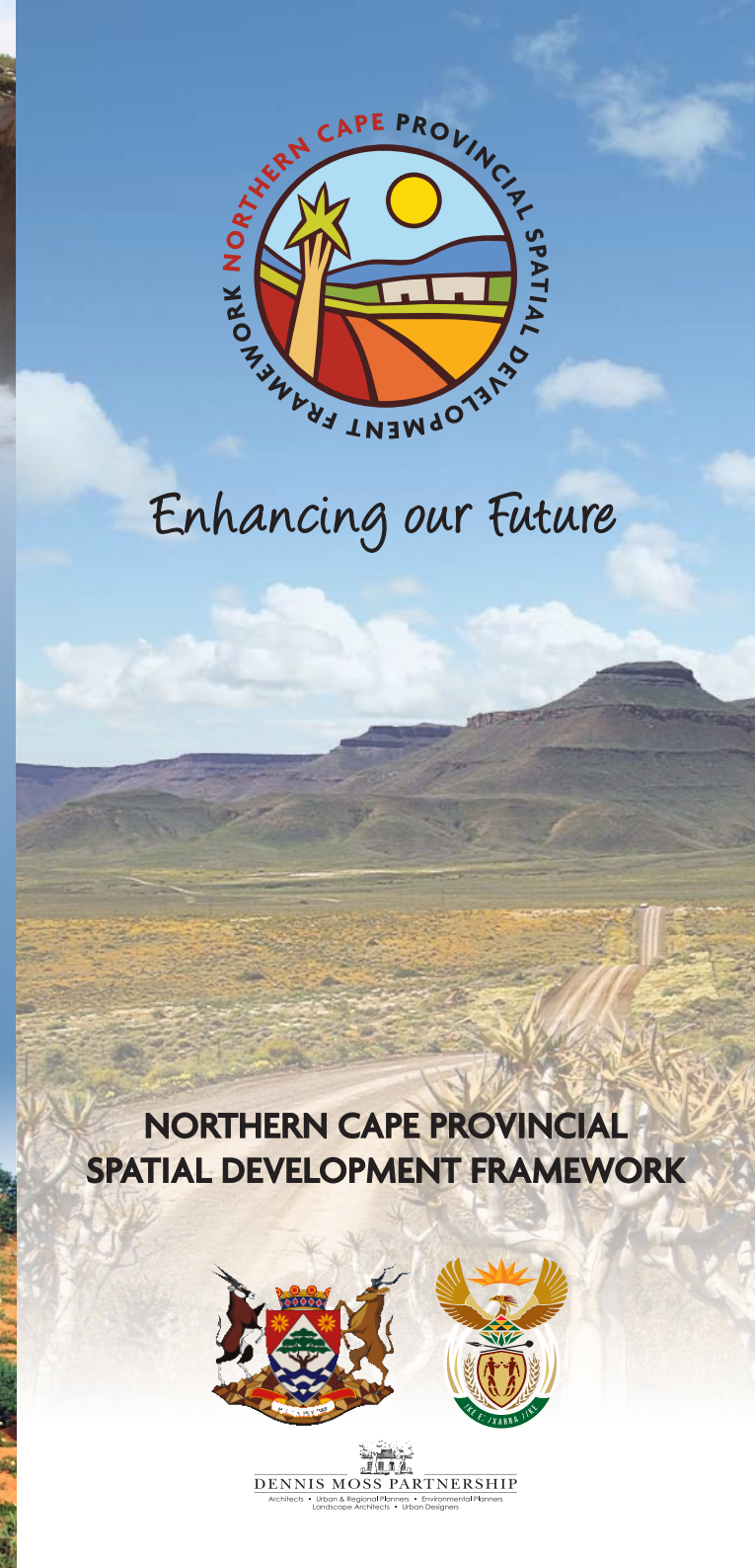
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## NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK





## BACKGROUND

The Office of the Premier of the Northern Cape and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform jointly commissioned Dennis Moss Partnership of Stellenbosch to prepare a *Provincial Development and Resource Management Plan / Provincial Spatial Development Framework for the Northern Cape* (referred to as the PSDF). The Northern Cape Planning and Development Act 7 of 1998 requires that a PSDF be prepared for the Province.



## WHAT IS THE PSDF?

The PSDF is a policy document that promotes a 'developmental state' in accordance with national and provincial legislation and directives. It aligns with the Northern Cape Provincial Growth and Development Strategy which has committed the Northern Cape to 'building a prosperous, sustainable and growing provincial economy which reduces poverty and improves social development'.

The PSDF puts forward comprehensive plans and strategies that collectively indicate which type of land-use should be promoted in the Province, where such land-use should take place, and how it should be implemented and managed. In broad terms, the PSDF:

- Indicates the spatial implications of the core development objectives of the Northern Cape Provincial Growth and Development Strategy.
- Serves as a spatial plan that facilitates local economic development.

- Lays down strategies, proposals and guidelines as it relates to facilitates cross-boundary co-operation between municipalities, adjoining provinces, and bordering countries.
- Serves as a manual for integration and standardisation of the planning frameworks of all spheres of government in the Province with specific reference to the following:
  - Guiding the district and local municipalities in the preparation of their spatial development frameworks.
  - Facilitating land-use classification in a standard format in accordance with defined *Spatial Planning Categories*.

The PSDF does not create or take away land-use rights. However, amendment of existing rights have to conform to the PSDF.

This means that organs of state and officials must take account of, and apply relevant provisions of the PSDF when making decisions that affect land-use in the Province.

The PSDF will not be applied rigidly but in a manner that takes into account the merits and particular circumstances of each land-use proposal presented.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The Northern Cape Provincial Growth and Development Strategy states that *sustainable economic development is the only effective means by which the most significant challenge of the Northern Cape, namely poverty, can be addressed.*

Accordingly, the PSDF gives practical effect to sustainable development, which is defined as *development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

Sustainable development, as proposed by the PSDF, *constitutes the enhancement of human well-being and environmental integrity through the efficient and just use of available resources.*

Sustainable development cannot be 'delivered' to passive recipients – it requires active participation of all concerned and efficient integration of interest in a spirit of partnership. Sustainable development has to be 'financed' in an innovative manner. The PSDF puts forward strategies and guidelines to address these requirements.

## PLANNING APPROACH

The PSDF is prepared in accordance with bioregional planning principles that were adapted to suit the site-specific requirements of the Northern Cape. Bioregional planning recognises that no region or area should be planned and managed as an 'island' in isolation from its surroundings. Each unit is an important part of the broader environment within which it is located, and the mutual relationships and linkages between adjacent units must be understood and applied when planning and managing any particular unit.

Accordingly, the PSDF incorporates and complies with the relevant protocols, conventions, agreements, legislation and policy at all applicable levels of planning, ranging from the *international* to the *local*.

1. International
2. National
3. Provincial
4. District
5. Local



The PSDF builds upon achievements and learns from mistakes of the past, reacts to the challenges of our time, incorporates the traditional knowledge of the people of the Northern Cape, and builds upon international best-practice and technology.

