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(Attention: Mr. Gerhard de Bruin)

Dear Sir

### **NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN RECORD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Attached are the records of the 'roadshow' meetings held in Kuruman, Kimberley, De Aar, Upington and Springbok.

Notwithstanding significant efforts by the Office of the Premier, your office and ourselves, the attendance was again not satisfactory (with specific reference to Kuruman where only 2 officials arrived at the meeting). In addition to the standard notices, more than 300 invitations have been extended directly to sectoral representatives, officials and community members. This is normally the situation with meetings of this nature and should not be considered a significant shortcoming and a threat to the ultimate outcome of the process. Our key objective for this round of meetings was to address the 1st Consultative Draft PSDF and an opportunity for identification and discussion of key issues. In our view, these objectives have been achieved to a meaningful extent.

The key aspects presented and the subsequent stakeholder comment were categorised in accordance with the approved focal areas of Volume 1 of the PSDF, namely:

- a) Land-use planning in terms of a standard procedure.
- b) Establishment of integrated land management areas.
- c) Ensuring high-quality settlement and infrastructural development.
- d) Ensuring appropriateness of provincial, municipal and neighbourhood boundaries.
- e) Regional development, government spending and performance management.



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- f) Enhancing opportunities for private sector investment.

As per your instruction, the various presentations addressed site-specific issues. Accordingly, the comments received responded to the presentation and focussed primarily on the local environment. However, a number of generic issues have been identified that are of importance to the province as a whole.

The PSDF presentation was combined with a comprehensive presentation and discussion of the Spatial Planning Information System SPISYS by Me Liez; Adjum of the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. Both presentations were very well received at all venues.

The record of proceedings is as follows:

**1 KIMBERLEY PUBLIC MEETING (15 AUG 2011): KEY ASPECTS PRESENTED AND COMMENT MADE BY PARTICIPANTS**

**1.1 Key aspect presented: Undertaking land-use planning in terms of a standard procedure.**  
**Comment received:**

- a) The proposed land-use designation adequately provides for protection of high-potential agricultural land.

**1.2 Key aspect presented: Establishment of integrated land management areas.**  
**Comment received:**

- a) Mining and other large-scale consumptive land uses must benefit both people and the environment.
- b) Desirability of implementing strategies such as Protected Nature Areas and Special Management Areas must be explored in collaboration with organised agriculture.
- b) PSDF must provide for biodiversity conservation in terms of SANBI's 'critical biodiversity area' (CBA) indicators.
- c) Cross-border conservation initiatives must be promoted – the merit and desirability of UNESCO biosphere reserves must be explored.

**1.3 Key aspect presented: Ensuring high-quality settlement and infrastructural development.**  
**Comment received:**

- a) PSDF must provide broad guidelines for improvement of subsidised housing – district and local municipalities must adopt such guidelines in their SDFs.

**1.4 Key aspect presented: Ensuring appropriateness of provincial, municipal and neighbourhood boundaries.**  
**Comment received:**

- a) No comment

**1.5 Key aspect presented: Regional development, government spending and performance management.**  
**Comment received:**

- a) Infrastructure spending should have a long-term focus and should not be subject to short-term political cycles and IDP budgets only.
- b) Opportunities must be provided for SMME development and enhancement of the Second Economy.

- c) Telecommunication aspects must be prioritised.

**1.6 Key aspect presented: Enhancing opportunities for private sector investment.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Entrepreneurship and associated development opportunities must be supported.
- b) Communities should benefit meaningfully from larger-scale physical development.

**1.7 General comment received:**

- a) The relationship between existing policy and legislation and the PSDF has been adequately addressed in the 1st Consultative Draft.
- b) Municipalities should focus on the re-use of resources, specifically water.

**2 DE AAR PUBLIC MEETING (16 MAY 2012): THIS PRESENTATION WAS COMBINED WITH THE LED MEETING AND VERY LIMITED TIME WAS MADE AVAILABLE**

Due to the time constraint discussion and comment was limited. The 1st Consultative Draft PSDF was received with enthusiasm and was described as 'hugely supportive' of the LED objectives and projects.

**2.1 General comment received:**

- a) Communication between Provincial Government and municipalities pertaining to planning, land-use, etc. has to be improved.
- b) The local Economic and Development Cluster should be extended in order to create institutional capacity for the administration of the PSDF.
- c) The solar corridor should be extended to include the region from Groblaarshoop to De Aar.
- d) The areas adjacent to the existing nature reserves should be used as buffer zones and for tourism development.
- e) The envisaged Northern Cape university should be located at Colesburg.

**3 UPINGTON PUBLIC MEETING (17 MAY 2012): KEY ASPECTS PRESENTED AND COMMENT MADE BY PARTICIPANTS**

**3.1 Key aspect presented: Undertaking land-use planning in terms of a standard procedure.**

**Comment received:**

- a) The SDFs of Siyanda District Municipality and the adjoining local municipalities must be aligned with the PSDF and the //Khara Hais SDF.
- b) //Khara Hais Tourism Plan is presented as a model for tourism planning in the Green Kalahari and beyond.

**3.2 Key aspect presented: Establishment of integrated land management areas.**

**Comment received:**

- a) The proposed Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI) to be undertaken near Upington should be presented as a provincial model.
- c) Innovative strategies are to be formulated to promote cross-border land-use and conservation in support of the Green Kalahari concept.

**3.3 Key aspect presented: Ensuring high-quality settlement and infrastructural development.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Guidelines for improvement of subsidised housing as presented must be mandatory on district and local municipalities.
- b) District and local SDFs should incorporate place-specific guidelines for architecture and landscaping.

**3.4 Key aspect presented: Ensuring appropriateness of provincial, municipal and neighbourhood boundaries.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Municipalities must be encouraged to function across their boundaries in particular as it relates to the use of common resources such as the Gariep River.

**3.5 Key aspect presented: Regional development, government spending and performance management.**

**Comment received:**

- a) The renewable power industry and its proposed projects must be subject to thorough planning which addresses spatial, economic, social need and desirability.
- b) Development of new development should be strictly subject to the availability of resources, with specific reference to water and bulk services infrastructure.

**3.6 Key aspect presented: Enhancing opportunities for private sector investment.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Government must fulfil its function as land-use co-ordinator.
- b) Gaps (lack of co-operation) exist between the different sectors active in the Northern Cape as well as between the communities. How will such entities be involved in the PSDF and future governance?
- c) Legislative processes that stifle sustainable development should be identified and reviewed.

**3.7 General comment received:**

- a) The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform and the authors of the 1st Consultative Draft of the PSDF are commended for 'an excellent guiding policy framework'.
- b) Communication between Provincial Government and municipalities pertaining to planning, land-use, etc. must be improved.
- c) Development of green energy industry tends to be hampered due to all interested parties not working together
- d) Important that all district and local municipal SDFs must strive to achieve the goals and objectives of the PSDF.

**4 SPRINGBOK PUBLIC MEETING (18 MAY 2012): KEY ASPECTS PRESENTED AND COMMENT MADE BY PARTICIPANTS**

**4.1 Key aspect presented presented: Undertaking land-use planning in terms of a standard procedure.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Land-use along the coastline must be addressed in a similar manner by all relevant municipalities and stakeholders.
- b) Guidelines proposed in the 1st Consultative Draft PSDF for coastal management are adequate.
- c)

**4.2 Key aspect presented: Establishment of integrated land management areas.**

**Comment received:**

- a) The proposals in the 1st Consultative Draft PSDF pertaining to the establishment of a biosphere reserve that incorporates the coastal areas have been well received.
- b) The Northern Cape incorporates the *Richtersveld Botanical and Landscape World Heritage Site* which sits in the heart of the Succulent Karoo Biodiversity Hotspot. PSDF must enhance long-term sustainability of the world heritage site.

**4.3 Key aspect presented: Ensuring high-quality settlement and infrastructural development.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Guidelines for improvement of subsidised housing as presented must be mandatory on district and local municipalities.
- b) District and local SDFs should incorporate place-specific guidelines for architecture and landscaping with specific reference to those inspired by the Nama culture and the Griqua culture.

**4.4 Key aspect presented: Ensuring appropriateness of provincial, municipal and neighbourhood boundaries.**

**Comment received:**

- a) PSDF must enhance management of Richtersveld Transfrontier Conservation Area through a transfrontier biosphere reserve.
- b) The Karas Region of Namibia and the Northern Cape Province share historical bonds with regard to its history, people and culture. To this end, some of the areas identified for further action are (i) the education and training sector, with the focus on ensuring that best practice is shared in skills development for economic growth, (ii) the further development of the Nama language and culture, (iii) exchange of learners' support material and teacher development programs.

**4.5 Key aspect presented: Regional development, government spending and performance management.**

**Comment received:**

- a) Desirability of new development should be strictly subject to the availability of resources, with specific reference to water and bulk services infrastructure.
- b) PSDF must reflect the importance of and spatially indicate areas for wind power enterprises in defined areas along the coast.
- c) The PSDF should encourage the expansion of the mariculture industry.
- d) The railway linkage should be extended from Bitterfontein to Springbok.
- e) The viability of the expansion of the Port Nolloth harbour should be explored as a high priority.
- f) A road along the coastline should be considered in order to promote tourism and other economic activities.

**4.6 Key aspect presented: Enhancing opportunities for private sector investment.**

**Comment received:**

- a) A model community trust should be developed in order to optimise the distribution of benefits that result from the use of community-based resources. The SDI model as proposed in the 1st Consultative Draft PSDF is deemed adequate.
- b) The proposed Gamsberg mine should adopt a strategy that would ensure ongoing socio-economic development and environmental rehabilitation.

**4.7 General comment received:**

- a) Communication between Provincial Government and municipalities pertaining to planning, land-use, etc. must be improved.
- b) Communication with local communities, education and mentorship regarding land-use planning and implementation is of key importance.
- c) Restoration of degraded areas in coastal zone must be priority.

The various presentations, photographs and an abridged report of the meetings have been loaded on the website.

I trust that you will find this in order.

Kind regards



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