

Challenges Facing South African Local Government and Policy Responses
<p>Description of event: Presentations of a united picture and understanding of urban development dynamics and challenges, within the South African context. In particular, to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share South African urban development experiences and lessons in the first decade of democracy by articulating emerging policy imperatives and its implications; • Highlight challenges faced by South African cities and urban areas for the next period and thus seek international advise on how best to deal with the challenges; and • Showcase best practice emanating from the above.
<p>Name of organization: Department of Provincial & Local Government</p>
<p>Description of organization: The Department of Provincial & Local Government is a national department of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, responsible for transforming the machinery of the erstwhile apartheid state institutions and addressing basic service backlogs emanating from the apartheid past. Since 1994 when the apartheid state was dismantled, the Department's emphasis has been on building a stable and fully functional national and provincial government as the platform for service delivery, development and local democracy in the entire South Africa.</p>
<p>Partner organizations: National Treasury (Republic of South Africa), Department of Housing (Republic of South Africa), South African Cities Network (SACN), South African Cities Network (SACN), City of Cape Town, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Sol Plaatje Municipality, Buffalo City Municipality, Mangaung Municipality, Msunduzi Local Municipality</p>
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