

# Five Year Local Government Strategic Agenda – An overview



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# Introduction and background

- Roadmap that outlines what needs to be done by local government during this term (2006-2011)
- Outlines priority actions and proposes intervention to be implemented by critical stakeholders – Municipalities, Provincial Government, SALGA, Traditional Leaders;
- Emphasise the need to mobilise the involvement of government development agencies and its social partners

# Introduction and background...cont

- It has three inter-related strategic thrusts:
  - Mainstreaming hands-on support to local government improve municipal governance, performance and accountability;
  - Addressing the structure and governance arrangements of the state in order to better strengthen support and monitor local government; and
  - Refining and strengthening policy, regulatory and fiscal environment for local government and giving greater attention to the enforcement measures

# Mainstreaming hands-on support –cross cutting interventions (1)



- **Province to provide concrete support to municipalities;**
- **Office of the Premier and PCF to assume accountability for co-ordinating and monitoring hands-on support to municipalities;**
- **SALGA to provide political leadership of munis – capacity building and training, unblocking political problems**
- **Roll-out a national capacity building, training and support programme**

## Mainstreaming hands-on support –cross cutting interventions (2)



- **Building the technical capacity of municipalities – deployment of skills and expertise;**
- **Finalise the Local Government Communication System (LGCS);**
- **Develop 5 year communication framework for local government;**
- **Repositioning image/ profiling local government;**
- **Strengthening communication infrastructure to support public participation; and**
- **Improving access to information through the use of ICT in municipalities.**

# *Mainstreaming hands-on support – Municipal Transformation and Organisational Development*



- **Support District and Local Municipalities to prepare draft IDPs;**
- **Support in establishing core basic municipal systems;**
- **Deploying technical hands-on support to enhance municipal capacity and expedite service delivery**

# *Mainstreaming hands-on support – Municipal Transformation and Organisational Development*



- **Implementation of local government competency framework;**
- **Supporting municipalities in filling vacant section 57 positions;**
- **Support municipalities in development and Submission of:**
  - **Employment Contracts and**
  - **Performance Agreements**



# ***Mainstreaming hands-on support – Basic Service Delivery***



- **Ensure meeting of service delivery targets – Decent sanitation 2010, electricity 2012, universal access FBS;**
- **Prioritise Bucket Eradication – Dec 2007;**
- **Develop a National Municipal Infrastructure Investment Policy and a Strategy – a roadmap for universal access to FBS;**
- **Align sector plans to FSGDS, IDPs and NSDP**
- **Facilitate hands-on support, Siyenza Manje, SDFs, DWAF**
- **Specific support on the ISRDP node**

## *Mainstreaming hands-on support – Local Economic Development (LED)*



- **Province to support districts in implementing LED strategies and prioritise LED interventions in the FSGDS;**
- **Implement the developed national framework on LED and align to ASGI-SA;**
- **Deployed economists and planners in selected municipalities;**
- **Supporting urban-based municipalities to implement LED initiatives effectively.**

## *Mainstreaming hands-on support – Municipal Financial Viability and Management*



- **Provide hands-on support to low capacity municipalities;**
- **Support programmes to improve governance and fight corruption;**
- **Refine local government fiscal system – ensuring that LG Equitable Share (LGES);**
- **Guide the implementation of the Municipal Property Rates Act (MPRA); and**
- **Establishment of Regional Electricity Distributors (REDs).**

# *Mainstreaming hands-on support – Good Governance and Public Participation*



- **Improve mechanism for community participation and empowerment;**
- **Premiers and mayors to lead public and public participation processes;**
- **Municipal speakers' offices should be supported;**
- **Strengthen transparency and accountability of financial affairs and local government;**

## *Mainstreaming hands-on support – Good Governance and Public Participation*



- **Develop support programme to scale up the mobilisation of community resources;**
- **Improve communication, refine the izimbizo programme and deepen social mobilisation;**
- **Strengthen political championship, support and oversight; and**
- **Strengthen good governance at LG level.**

# Address the structure and Governance Arrangements



- **Strengthen the IGR system;**
- **Review the structure and role of provincial government to support and monitor municipalities;**

# Refine and strengthen the Policy, Regulatory and Fiscal Environment



- Provide greater attention to enforcing existing aspects of government legislation;
- Institutionalise inter-governmental planning;
- Review the two-tier district system of municipalities;
- A report on the distribution of powers and functions across Local Government;
- Strengthen ward committee system.

# Implementation of Performance Management System (PMS)



- **11 (44%) out of 25 Municipal Managers have signed performance agreements and 4 female managers out of 25 appointed;**
- **126 (90%) out of 140 vacancies in 25 municipalities' section 57 managers have been filled;**
- **62 Section 57 Managers signed performance agreements**
- **14 (12%) females appointed in section 57 positions**



# Highlights of achievements



- **Enhanced capacity at LG&H for co-ordination;**
- **In partnership with SITA, a web-enabled M&E system on the 5 Year Local Government Strategic Agenda will be implemented;**
- **20 councillors and administrators currently being trained in leadership as part of LOGOLA and Province pilot programme;**

# Highlights of achievements



- **13 community members trained in responsible tourism and culture tourist guide**
- **Experts have been deployed – 10 engineers, 3 financial experts, 7 operators, 3 financial management students;**
- **Department has assumed the function of CFO at Naledi through the financial expert;**

# Highlights of achievements... cont



- **79, 089 buckets eradicated by end of June 2007**
- **The provincial target to eradicate all buckets set at the provincial Sanitation summit is 31 October 2007**
- **5 SLA reached with district municipalities for provision of Municipal Health Services;**
- **3 municipalities supported by DEEAT in implementing a Waste Information System;**
- **2 new libraries were completed and 4 libraries provided with ICT;**

# Highlights of achievements... cont



- **139 informal settlements identified and 1600 project-Linked subsidies are implemented at Grassland, Mangaung Local – *199 houses have been completed, 922 units are at wall plate level (75% completion level);***
- **5 district Spatial Development Frameworks aligned to the revised FSGDS finalised by January 2007;**
- **5 District Growth and Development Summit held and Xhariep District Growth and the last Development Summit was held on 16 and 17 May 2007;**

# Highlights of achievements...cont



- **37 Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) projects to the tune of R25.3 million implemented in 5 municipalities;**
- **DoH's hospital revitalisation and clinic upgrading projects have awarded 33 contracts to HDI/BBEE companies and this represented 38.9% of the total value of awarded projects;**
- **Financial management support provided to Naledi and Phumelela local municipality;**

# Highlights of achievements... cont



- **LG&H hosted a Debt recovery summit and resolutions are followed through;**
- **MIG expenditure at the end of June 2007 was 20% (*R87,1 mil* out of R445 mil);**
- **82 officials trained in SCM by Treasury and SALGA;**
- **5 DMs and 17 LMs have submitted AFS for 2005/2006; and**
- **3 DMs and 16 LMs have established internal audit units.**

# Highlights of achievements... cont



- **98% (294) ward committees established, 84% (254) functional;**
- **252 CDWs appointed;**
- **Provincial Izimbizo Focus Week held on 10-13 April 2007;**
- **EXCO meets the people held on 05-06 July 2007**
- **6<sup>th</sup> draft bill on establishing 2 traditional houses;**

# Conclusion

- A provincial progress report on 5 year LG Strategic Agenda covering October 2006 - March 2007 developed and submitted to *dplg* for presentation to Cabinet Lekgotla July 2007 ;
- A draft Year 2 Implementation Plan for implementation of 5 Year LG Strategic Agenda has been developed and also submitted as above;
- Municipalities to use the unfolding planning processes to factor in high level activities and target contained in the 5 Year LG Strategic Agenda;
- The submission of municipal Annual reports 2005-2006 and signing of performance agreements still a challenge; and
- District municipalities to play a co-ordinating role and district IGR structures should be used to provide political oversight on the implementation.



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