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WHAT IS ABP?

AREA BASED PLANNING

The Minister in her budget speech to parliament on 18 May 2007 stated the following:

" We will also introduce Area Based Land Reform Planning. This is a fundamental tool for the integration and alignment of land reform to the strategic priorities of the Province, municipalities and other sectors."

1. Defining Area-Based Planning

The Area Based Planning (ABP) is a tool for the sustainable delivery and integration of land and agrarian reform programmes within the strategic priorities of municipalities (as expressed in IDPs), national programmes and provincial imperatives.

The ABP is designed to speed up the Land and Agrarian reform programme while at the same time providing for enhanced economic development. It is therefore an important tool in the delivery of key national policy objectives such as Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative of South Africa.

The Area Based Plan represents a land sector plan that will be the key vehicle for enhanced integrated planning and a platform for better intergovernmental relations and public participation. The ABP will facilitate forward planning in areas such as resource mobilisation, service delivery and proactive land acquisition.

2. The Area Based Land Reform Plan will constitute:

- (i) District and Local Situational Analyses;
- (ii) A Conceptual Framework for the desired state
- (iii) A Land Reform Plan (programmes, projects, spatial component)
- (iv) Implementation Plan

3. Objectives of Area Based Planning

The broad objectives of Area Based Planning are:

- (i) To speed up the **pace of land reform** in South Africa in order to achieve national land reform targets;
- (ii) To contribute to **enhanced economic development** thereby contributing to the targets as set out in ASGISA;

- (iii) To **integrate** land reform into provincial and municipal development frameworks;
- (iv) To improve the **sustainability** of the land reform projects;
- (v) To promote **sector alignment**: agriculture, LED, Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements, tenure security / upgrade linked to the provision of basic services.
- (vi) To promote the objectives of **intergovernmental relations** with municipalities and sector departments;
- (vii) To **empower communities** to participate actively in project formulation and implementation of land reform projects.

4. The Area Based Planning Process

In the context of this new Area Based Land Reform Approach, the Area Based Plan is seen as a sector plan of the broader municipal district IDP. Area Based Planning is thus an integral part of Integrated Development Planning, a fact that is highlighted in the sections that follow.

The core area based planning process comprises 5 phases (i) A Situational Analysis (ii) Vision and Strategy Formulation (iii) Project Identification and formulation (iv) Integration and Prioritisation, and (v) Approval. These 5 planning phases are preceded by a Preparation Phase. These phases are identical to those of the broader IDP process with which ABP is aligned