

The Sedibeng District Municipality and its 3 local municipalities, Emfuleni, Midvaal and Lesedi will convene all stakeholders at a GDS Summit on 30 Nov - 1 Dec 2011 to review the Growth & Development Strategy that was adopted in November 2006. The purpose of the Summit is to look at progress that has been made on the GDS since its adoption, and to factor in changing circumstances since 2006. The summit will also look at areas where progress has been unsatisfactory and to critically assess the reasons for this. Since 2006 there are several significant changes that

have to be factored into this GDS Review. These include amongst others;

- Changes to the global economy in which the 'credit crunch' has altered the property market and access to capital.
- An intensified focus on climate change.
- A consolidation of government programmes into several 'Outcomes' with Outcome 9 being specific to local government. Outcome 9 is entitled "A Responsive, Accountable, Effective and Efficient System of Local Government."

- A general election in 2009 in which the residents of Sedibeng voted for revised priorities contained in election manifestos.
- The introduction of a programme for local government entitled 'Local Government Turnaround Strategy (LGTAS)
- A local election in 2011 in which Sedibeng residents renewed the political mandate for Local Councilors.
- A recently released National Development Plan which spells out the vision for development of South Africa towards 2030.
- A Gauteng Province that is evolving rapidly into a competitive Global City Region with a transition towards exclusively

metropolitan or single authority municipalities.

A review of the 5R's (plus 2) as summarised below will be undertaken and a revision will be made to the current GDS which will be presented to the District and all its Councils early in 2012. Prior to adoption by the Councils the revised GDS (which will be called GDS-02) will be available for public comment. (See contact details below)

"Towards a Metropolitan River City"

The Focus Areas of the current GDS

Sedibeng Growth & Development Strategy

FOCUS AREAS STRATEGY

PROJECTS

REINVENT

The economy from an old to a new.

- Minerals and Steel:
- Establish Task Team with industry players.
 - Improve information and knowledge of industry plans and role of government.
 - Identify long and short term levers for growth.
- Tourism & Leisure:
- Enhance tourism forums and work with relevant agencies.
 - Use 2010 service provider to develop medium term plan.
 - Link marketing plan with tourism plan.
- Agriculture:
- Consolidate Task Teams with GDACE, DLA, Sedichem etc.
 - Do feasibility for emerging farmers.
 - Analyse preferred agricultural activity.
 - Explore biofuels
- Residential Property Development
- Revise SDF in line with GDS.
 - Revise LUM
 - Roll out masterplan for infrastructure.
 - Implement inclusionary Housing Policy

RENEW

Our communities from low to high quality of life

- Change the Nature of Housing Delivery
- Realign current policy with new trends.
 - Identify Flagship projects to promote new policies.
- Making Sedibeng Attractive
- Locals to implement focussed maintenance programmes including infrastructure repair, greening, sports and recreation etc)
 - Identify flagship renewal projects.
 - Explore viability of a single roads agency.
 - Investigate an 'Aesthetics Committee'
- Precincts & Nodes
- Complete and implement Development Plans for:
 - Heidelberg CBD
 - Heidelberg Showgrounds
 - Vereenging CBD (including Constitution Square)
 - Vanderbijlpark CBD
 - Meyerton CBD
 - Blue Rose City
 - Sharpeville Dam, Monument and Stadium.
 - Zone 14, Sebokeng
 - Boipatong Peace Garden
 - Bophelong Taxi rank
 - Vaal Marina / Mamello
 - Evaton Renewal Precincts

REVIVE

The environment from waste dumps to a green region.

- Partnerships to Manage the Environment:
- Coordinated and consulted EMF
 - Develop implementation plans with regional and local activities.
- Clean Air, Water & Land Initiatives
- Drive Regional Sewer Works project.
 - Extend into 'Clean Rivers Initiative' with Rand Water.
 - SDM and stakeholders to continue Air Quality Management Plan.
 - Promote industrial waste exchange programme.
- Waste & Recycling:
- Review of Sedibeng Waste Management Plan.
 - Support projects for significant recycling initiatives in paper, tyres, glass, oil for bio-fuels etc.
 - Strive for carbon credits and reinvest these into projects for increased credits.

REINTEGRATE

With Gauteng and our neighbours to move from an edge to a frontier region

- Road & Rail Corridors
- Corridor development plans for each of the following corridors supported by LUM and economic integration:
 - R59 (Industrial Corridor)
 - R82 (Cultural Corridor)
 - Golden Highway (Public Transport Corridor)
 - N1 (Long Distance Transport Corridor)
 - Establish East-West transport links
 - Review rail links on existing and dormant lines.
 - Establish task teams with SANRAL, Gautrans, Transent etc.
- Logistics Support to Industry
- Support and direct private sector plans for logistics hub served by rail, road and air access.
- ICT Connectivity
- Develop a comprehensive connectivity plan for coverage, access and integration of technologies.
 - Expand CCTV coverage across region.
 - Identify pilot projects for wireless hotspots and for connected communities.
- Cross Border Development
- Create synergies across boundaries with Metsimaholo, Ekurhuleni and Johannesburg.

RELEASE

Human potential from low to high skills.

- Local Partnerships for Education & Training:
- Establish broad based education and training forum to include local government, Department of labor, Department of Education
- Building Social Capital:
- Focus supporting initiatives around the Gauteng Social Development Strategy.
 - Improve statistical Database on social profile of Sedibeng.
- Promote BBBEE
- Align procurement procedures (District and Locals) to champion BBBEE.
 - Host BBBEE summit to localise Charters
 - Enhance Database of SMME's.
 - Explore support to GEP to encourage cooperatives.



What is the 'Plus 2' in the GDS

Deepening Democracy

Is about stakeholder engagement and public participation in the policies and decisions of Council. It is about entrenching democratic principles and being consultative and responsive to community needs.

Good Governance

Is about sound financial management, functional and effective Councils, and strong, visionary leadership. It is about compliance and competence.

Frequently asked questions

How will I as a resident be represented at the GDS Summit?

In addition to various stakeholders who are invited to participate at the Summit, all residents will be represented by their respective Ward Councilors and a Ward Committee member.

How can I access the full text of the current GDS?

The full text of the current GDS is available for download at www.sedibeng.gov.za. Hardcopies may also be requested by calling (016)450-3305.

What if I have comments or contributions to make on the current GDS, or on the revised GDS-02 ?

Comments and critiques on the strengths and weaknesses of the current GDS are welcome, and may be submitted to the Executive Director of Strategic Planning at the Sedibeng District Municipality.

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