

## **Engagement with OR Tambo District Municipality on District Development Model**

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Venue: Mthatha Garden Court, Eastern Cape

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The National Planning Commission (NPC) visited the OR Tambo District Municipality on 4 April 2023 to engage with key stakeholders regarding the implementation of the District Development Model (DDM). The purpose of this engagement was for the NPC to gain insights from stakeholders about the opportunities and challenges they have identified, and to determine how the NPC can provide support.

### **2. OVERVIEW**

Chapter 13 of the National Development Plan (NDP): Vision 2030 emphasises the importance of establishing a capable and developmental state as a crucial factor in achieving the country's developmental goals. During the Presidency's 2019 budget debate, President Ramaphosa recognised the problem of government operating in isolated compartments, which resulted in a lack of coherence in planning, implementation, and oversight of government programs. In response, the government introduced the DDM to enhance service delivery, strengthen implementation, and establish a well-coordinated and coherent national program of action.

### **3. OBJECTIVES OF THE DDM**

The objectives of the DDM are to:

- Coordinate a government response to challenges of poverty, unemployment, and inequality particularly amongst women, youth and people living with disabilities.
- Ensure inclusivity by gender budgeting based on the needs and aspirations of people and communities at the local level.
- Narrow the distance between people and government by strengthening the coordination role and capacities at the district and city levels.

- Foster a practical intergovernmental relations mechanism to plan, budget and implement jointly to provide a coherent government for the people in the Republic, by addressing duplication and fragmentation.
- Maximise impact and align plans and resources through the development of “One District, One Plan and One Budget”.
- Build government capacity to support municipalities.
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation at district and local levels.
- Implement a balanced approach towards development between urban and rural areas.
- Exercise oversight over budgets and projects in an accountable and transparent manner

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The NPC gained insights from stakeholders about the opportunities and challenges of the implementation of the DDM in the Mthatha area.



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