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Stakeholder Engagement

Sedibeng's strength is its people. GDS 2 is a strategy for the people. It must also be a strategy of the people.

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Stakeholder Process to Finalize GDS 2

The next phase of GDS 2 will be that of extensive stakeholder engagement with this draft of GDS 2. This phase in April and May 2012, will culminate with the final approval of GDS 2 at the end of May will comprise:

- **Thematic engagement strategies** - around key themes and issues to consider from the GDS broadly.
- **Sector Specific Engagement** - with key sectors of our society, including, but not limited to business, institutions of higher learning, the youth, women, the disabled, churches, environmental groups, community safety forums and so on. You are the experts on your sectors. We require you to engage robustly with this draft. Stakeholders are requested to engage with us around what you know, make sure your issues are covered in GDS 2, share the details of your campaigns, and allow Sedibeng to confidently approve a GDS 2 that has taken your interest group into account.
- **Ward Level Participation** – to ensure that the views of all residents of Sedibeng can be incorporated into the final draft of GDS2.

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Stakeholder Process to implement and monitor GDS 2

The success of GDS2 requires on-going interaction around the implementation of the flagship project – and a review of delivery of

these projects – as well as a review of the enabling and supporting projects that are also taking place by the municipalities and other spheres of government, through private sector investment and through our learning institutions, for example.

A detailed and thorough stakeholder plan will be designed and driven by the Sedibeng District Municipality, firstly, to get to the finalization of GDS 2, and secondly to take part in, and monitor implementation over the next 5 years. A range of strategies and media will be employed to ensure your voice is heard. Please make sure you have your say! This is a 20 year conversation.

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Conclusion

Sedibeng is a region of opportunity and challenge, in equal measure. Within this context GDS2 is a tool to propel the Region onwards, to a City that can provide for its existing people and future new residents. Sedibeng has a very crucial role to play as part of the GCR in Gauteng. The opportunity must not be missed. Government, academia, business, communities and individual of Sedibeng are need to rally behind the GDS2 vision.

We are hoping and trusting that our partners will continue to co-operate with us so that we have joint custodianship of the implementation agenda. We must emerge from this phase not just with a common plan, but also with a strong recognition of a common destiny.

