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### **TRANSPORT MINISTER, FIKILE MBALULA AND KZN DISTRICT CHAMPION, BONGIWE SITHOLE-MOLOI, TO GAUGE KING CETSHWAYO'S STATE OF SERVICE DELIVERY AGAINST RSA'S NEW INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT "ONE PLAN" APPROACH MODEL**

Over the 25 years of democracy, the government of South Africa has made several attempts at steering development towards communities in a coordinated manner, with a view of maximizing impact and delivering cohesive, vibrant, sustainable and safe communities through its municipal government structures.

However, despite all these attempts, horizontal and vertical silos persist making cohesive and cooperative governance largely elusive, with planning and investment spending of all three spheres of government often misaligned, inadequately targeted spatially and not coordinated sufficiently to optimize service delivery results and integrated development outcomes.

A review of the Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme (ISRDP) notes that, "there is no coordination because some projects implemented by national departments are not in the integrated development plans (IDP) of local municipalities". According to the review, "national departments lack information on municipal planning because they do not involve the local sphere" and that, "the main problem is that the current system is reliant on each sphere to align their plans with the other spheres especially in respect of strategic infrastructure investment".

It is, therefore, for this reason that RSA President, Cyril Ramaphosa, called for the Department of Cooperative Governance (DCoG) to roll out a new integrated district based "One Plan" approach. The DCoG intervention addresses short term and burning issues through a 12 to 18-month action plan focusing on service delivery challenges, localised procurement and job creation that promotes and supports local businesses and involves communities.

This new integrated approach known as District Development Model (DDM) gives district municipalities an important part of planning, delivery monitoring and evaluation. It also strengthens local government by giving it a leading role as an implementing agent at the District/Metro Coordination Steering Committees and working closely with the local coordinating structures, known as District/Metro Coordination Hubs.

The vision of the Model is that of all three spheres and facets of government operating in unison on One Plan, thus enabling coherent, seamless and sustainable service delivery and development with integrated impact on the quality of life and quality of living spaces at local and municipal levels.

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