

# Intergovernmental planning framework



Over a period of 20 plus years, a series of reviews and assessments conducted on the functionality and performance of government towards achieving national outcomes found the following consistent challenges:

- Poor alignment of strategic plans of the spheres of government;
- No spatial dimension to provincial strategic plans;
- Provincial growth strategies are not aligned to municipal IDPs;
- National policy initiated without assessing impact on local government;
- Planning is sectoral rather than integrated; and
- IDPs are still not influencing planning by the other spheres.

The challenges cited a problem with the current intergovernmental planning practice in the country. This could be attributed to the absence of an overarching framework enabling the three spheres of government to plan within a coherent system of government to ensure the limited state resources are used optimally and achieve the common development objectives. It is in view of this coupled with the 2012 adoption of the National Development Plan (NDP) that the Department of Cooperative Governance (DCoG) saw the need to develop an Intergovernmental Planning Framework (IGPF).

PDG was appointed to develop an IGPF to ensure integration, alignment and coordination of planning and implementation processes across the spheres of government where the activities of all sectors of government complement each other and ensure that government's priorities are addressed. It had become apparent that the desired development planning cooperation and collaboration required to



produce these outcomes should not have been left to occur by chance.

The project realised the development of an IGPF and Implementation Plan, a systematic operational how to detailing the processes involved to achieve coherent planning across the spheres, including key components; role-players; critical success factors for the intergovernmental planning system; and an approach to manage the system and its components.

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