



The Department of Social Development Western Cape,  
in Partnership with Eden Municipality,  
invites you to join the  
**Regional Poverty Indaba 2009.**

The purpose of this Indaba will be to produce products and activities that will foster resilient; creative; and caring families and communities through poverty reduction initiatives.

This will contribute to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for 2014 set by the UN. See the executive Brief attached.

**Gala Dinner**

Date: 14 July 2009  
Time: 18:30 - 00:00  
Venue: George Municipal Town Hall,  
York Street, George.

**Poverty Indaba:**

Date: 15 - 17 July 2009  
Time: 08h30 - 16h00. (17 July: 08:30 - 13:00)  
Venue: George Municipal Town Hall,  
York Street, George.

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## **Executive brief: Regional Poverty Indaba - Eden**

The Department of Social Development as the lead Department in poverty reduction was tasked in 2004 with hosting of the first Poverty Indaba as well as with the tabling of the Integrated Poverty Reduction Strategy. Subsequent indabas and other summits related to poverty issues have also been successfully implemented.

Although political freedom was attained in 1994, extreme poverty and underdevelopment remain major challenges facing South African society. A number of uncoordinated anti-poverty interventions are executed at various places and at different levels. This often leads to duplication and wasteful expenditure.

It is this realization that compelled the lead Department in Poverty reduction to champion a process of re-looking at the Integrated Poverty Reduction Strategy five years on. Informed by the Poverty Indaba II held August 2008 the Department in partnership with Eden District Municipality will be hosting a Regional Poverty Indaba. The purpose of this Indaba is to assist the Eden DM to develop its Anti-poverty Strategy whilst using this experience as pilot towards developing the Provincial Anti-Poverty Strategy.

It is believed that this process will go a long way in assisting the Province to realize the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) particularly Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Without pre-empting the outcomes of the Indaba, it is envisaged that it will set out immediate, medium and long term interventions. A team of committed professionals will be put in place to drive and monitor the implementation of the said interventions.

Please find attached the copy of the invitation to this historic engagement as well as the programme.

Signed by HOD: Social Development

**COMMISSIONER'S BRIEF PER GROUP (THEME)  
FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE REGIONAL POVERTY INDABA IN EDEN (14-17 JULY 2009)**

**•Food Security and Agriculture Commission:**

A core element in the fight against poverty is the issue of providing food security. When people's livelihoods are negatively affected, and are thus not sustainable, people are scampering about to try to find ways of obtaining food for their families and themselves.

A lack of adequate food leads to degrees of hunger and mal-nutrition. This commission is tasked to interrogate innovative ways to ensure that no-one in Eden goes without at least one nutritious meal and clean drinking water per day. Highlight the establishment of CNDCs (Community Nutrition and Development Centers).

You are required to think outside the box in an effort to find lasting; sustainable; and adequate ways to address this issue. Feel free to suggest the right linkages and connections to relevant state-; business-; and private sector institutions and programmes.

## •Health Commission:

One cannot tackle the many facets of the poverty monster unless one also considers matters relating to health and wellbeing.

In defining conditions of a healthy population, one should look past the reactive issue of addressing illness and disease in its many manifestations. An adequate healthy condition is not merely an absence of illness and disease, but rather a state of wellbeing. The fight against poverty is also the fight against the scourge of HIV and AIDS, TB and other diseases.

In addressing poverty one needs to also take note of unhealthy conditions that is so prevalent amongst the poor, and could further impede progression from dependency towards development and self-reliance.

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## **•Job Creation and Transport:**

The creation of decent work will be at the centre of governments' economic policies and will influence investment attraction and job-creation initiatives. We have to forge ahead to promote a more inclusive economy.

How could the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) be utilized to create four million job opportunities by 2014 throughout the country, and especially the portion within the Eden district?

Also discuss the condition of the rail and road public transport system within Eden, and whether a Bus Integrated Rapid Transit system would improve matters or not. How can we link the social grants (as of 31 March 2009 more than 13 million people received social grants) to jobs or economic activity in order to encourage self-reliance amongst the able-bodied?

How can we capitalize on the forth-coming 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup?

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**•Rural Development Commission:**

Consider the development and implementation of a comprehensive rural development strategy linked to land and agrarian reform and food security.

Discuss the targeted renewal of rural towns through grants such as the Neighborhood Development Grant programme.

How can we as part of social and infrastructure development provide suitably located and affordable housing and decent human settlements? We will proceed from the understanding that human settlements are not just about building houses. It is also about transforming our towns by building cohesive, sustainable and caring communities with closer access to work and social amenities, including sports and recreation facilities.

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## **•Economic Development and SMME Commission:**

The creation of decent work will be at the centre of governments' economic policies and will influence investment attraction and job-creation initiatives. We have to forge ahead to promote a more inclusive economy.

What practical steps can the Industrial Development Corporation do through their programmes to fund companies in distress? Can government buy more goods and services locally (within Eden) without undermining our global competitiveness or pushing up costs beyond acceptable levels? What about the stimulation of the following industrial sectors: automobile; chemicals; metal fabrication; tourism; clothing; textiles; forestry; services; light manufacturing; and construction? What contributions can the business Chambers do in this regard?

Consider how we could use state levers such as procurement, licensing and financial support to assist small medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs). What else should be done to reduce the regulatory burden on small businesses?

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## **•Education and Skills Development Commission:**

Education will be one of the governments' key priority areas for the next five years. How can we get our teachers, learners and parents to work with government to turn our schools into thriving centres of excellence?

How can we further enhance the Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes, and promote lifelong learning through ABET and the Further Education and Training FET Sector for skills development training? How can we unleash and utilize the training budget that is currently held with the Department of Labour and other training facilities? How can we improve access to higher education of children from poor families and ensure a sustainable funding structure for colleges; technicians and universities? What can the Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAS) do to assist skills development in all spheres?

Is investing in human resource development now for the future, important in the fight against poverty? Can our country really do with a more equipped; robust and skilled workforce?

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## **Further considerations by all 6 Commissions:**

- The above briefs are merely some pointers and guidance to stimulate discussions within the groups along the agreed themes. It is not meant to be conclusive and full. The Commission Champions should also develop further thinking in order to assist the other group facilitators in handling the commissions.
- Each commission must also consider and discuss the important matters of (a). Integration (IGR), and (b). Sustainability. It is also important to come up with practical ways of implementing the action plans and possible deliverables.
- We require at least two group facilitators per group, divided into the 6 commissions – thus effectively there should be 24 facilitators.
- We will also have one scribe (under the auspices of Rujeko Promotions) per group – thus 12 scribes in total. The scribes will provide Rujeko with a daily report of what transpired in each group/commission.
- At the end of the commissions and deliberations, feedback reports will be provided to the Plenary for holistic inputs and action planning.

Thank you,  
Richard Haridien  
Chairman Task Team  
June 2009

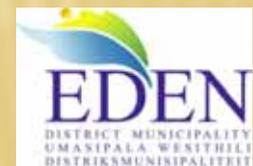
## Draft Programme – Regional Poverty Indaba Day 1 – 15 July 2009

- 08H00:** Guest's arrival and registration, Tea/Coffee served  
**08H30:** Welcoming and opening  
**08H45:** Order of the day  
**09H00:** Overview and background presentation  
**09H30:** Commissioner's Briefings  
**10H00:** Tea break  
**10H15:** Commissioner's break – away discussions  
**13H00:** Lunch is served  
**13H45:** Commission's break – away discussions  
**15H00:** Tea Break  
**15H15:** Commissioner's break – away discussion  
**16H00:** End of day one...



## Day 2 – 16 July 2009

- 08H00:** Arrival and Registration
- 08H30:** Plenary – Re-cap of previous day
- 09H00:** Commissioner’s break – away discussion
- 10H00:** Tea break
- 10H15:** commissioner’s break away discussions
- 13H00:** Lunch is served
- 13H45:** Commissioner’s break away discussions
- 15H00:** Tea break
- 15H15:** Plenary – Report Back
- 16H00:** **End of Day two...**



## Day 3 – 17 July 2009

- 08H00:** Arrival and registration  
**08H30:** Plenary – Report back continues  
**10H00:** Tea Break  
**10H15:** Plenary – recommendations / Deliverables  
**12H30:** Signing the Pledge of commitment  
**13H00:** Lunch is served  
**13H45:** **End of Indaba**

