

# Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme (ISRDP)



## Minutes of the Preparatory meeting that took place on 04 July 2003

### 1. Node reference number and name:

Node 11: Central Karoo

### 2. List of attendees

Attendance register attached

### 3. Proceedings

#### 3.1 Welcome Address

Mr P Williams, the Municipal Manager of Laingsburg welcomed all present and thanked them for availing themselves in this meeting, in preparation for the champions' visit of the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2003.

#### 3.2 Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the political champions visit which is to take place on the 21 July 2003. In so doing these are the key areas that need to be looked at:

- ✓ To establish role-players and their work in the node.
- ✓ To look at how we can address and achieve coordination.
- ✓ To follow-up on issues that were raised at the

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last political champion's meeting; land reform projects, skills development and report on targeted groups (by IDT).

- ✓ Consolidating all of these into a report that should be submitted to the political champion's meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2003.

### **3.3 Nodal Initiatives: National Departments**

#### **3.3.1 Mr Monde Ndleleni – Dept. Communications,**

In his department's attempt to address the signal problem in Nelspoort that was highlighted in the meeting of 11 February 2003, they contacted SABC to check what the corporation was planning to do in this area. A representative from SABC will present their initiatives to the meeting.

#### **3.3.2 Ms Uhuru Madida – Dept. Housing,**

The department is involved in the Human Settlement Re-development Project and mini-market in Prince Albert and Matjiesfontein. The department is structured in such a way that funds are channelled from national to the provincial department.

#### **3.3.3 Ms Nosipho Jezile – Dept. Environmental Affairs & Tourism**

The department is in the process of finalizing the business plan for the flood project in Laingsburg tourism and tourism infrastructure projects in the node for Prince Albert, Leeu Gamka and Recycling and composting project in Beaufort West, etc.

#### **3.3.4 Ms Angeline Nchabeleng – Dept. Transport**

Consultative workshops to popularise their strategy have been held. In Beaufort West the department is focusing on the indented parking, addition and improvement of road signage. They also support tourism and local economic development and need guidance from other role-players in assessing whether these two initiatives can be labelled as priorities or not:

- ✓ Re-opening of railway line in the Beaufort West, Nelspoort, Leeu Gamka, Matjiesfontein and Prince Albert
- ✓ Provision of transport for scholars and

disabled.

The capacity building component cuts-across all their initiatives.

#### 3.3.5 Mr Damian Kühn – Dept. Labour

There is a skills fund to train/capacity building but the department needs a few months before training can start to sort out their administration. People who are interested in capacity building need to get in touch with Mr Kühn and check the list that he has available for training.

#### 3.3.6 Ms Lourette Brown - Dept. Land Affairs

This department's objective is provision of access to land, purchase of land. They are in the process of finalizing their 2004/05 budget and can only give a report on the nature of initiatives once this has been completed.

#### 3.3.7 Mr Boyce Plaatjies - Dept. Minerals and Energy

The department is committed to contribute in the node but he will not be able to give us figures as this is the first meeting they are attending. This department intends to implement amongst other initiatives Energy centres to access energy and introducing alternative sources of energy and technology.

### **3.4 Nodal Initiatives: Provincial Departments**

#### 3.4.1 Mr Carel du Preez - Dept. Local Government

There is a need for a strategic plan to give direction and also need a common understanding of sustainable development. The strategic framework has to have optimal prioritization. There is a first draft for comment of the provincial strategic framework. The department offers to organise and facilitate a funding conference / workshop with NGO's and companies with funding ability to come in. Budget managers/officers can be given the task of ensuring that budgeting/funding in the node is done in an integrated manner.

There is also a discussion document; Integration: IDP's Overview and people are invited to comment.

#### 3.4.2 Mr Almo Geldenhuys & Mr Mongezi Pike - Dept. Social Services and Poverty Alleviation

There are a number of poverty alleviation projects, food production, social security, financial support to Welfare and infrastructure. The department has made a commitment to look at the Multi-purpose centre but is dependent on donor funding. The department is going to start a programme for street children, abused women and children and substance abuse. They are currently in negotiation with an organisation that will be the facilitator for this programme.

#### 3.4.3 Ms Ingrid Coetzee - Dept. Environmental Affairs

They are involved in the clean up project in Beaufort West, greening and clean up in Prince Albert and clean up and land reform in Murraysburg. Also involved in the emergent farmers initiatives as well as Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)

#### 3.4.4 Supt. Tania Mostert - SAPS

They have received donor funding from the European Union (EU) in an amount of R200 000 towards training. They are busy with life-skills initiatives and are also looking at improved service delivery, partnerships with modern organizations. They also distribute information to libraries and to create awareness as to what people should do when there is a crime committed.

#### 3.4.5 Mr Deon Oosthuizen - Dept. Community Safety

Is involved with workshops to develop the capacity of the community police forums and also comprehensive training programs for neighbourhood watches. They also are running 'Bambanani' an initiative to encourage communities to stand up against crime and a stolen goods and farm safety programs. All these initiatives totalling R1½ million.

#### 3.4.6 Ms Jacqui Gooch & Mr Steve Fanner - Dept. of Transport

This department has set aside R 2.7 million for public transport initiatives. In Beaufort West,

upgrade of taxi ranks and bus stops. Taxi ranks in Laingsburg and Prince Albert. An input was also made regarding the maintenance of roads.

#### 3.4.7 Ms Serene Wentley - Dept. of Health

In Beaufort West they spend R15 000 per month on Home Based Care, TB and mother-to-child transmission. There are funds from the EU for Leeu Gamka.

#### 3.4.8 Mr Sarel Snyman - Dept. Transport and Public Works (Property Management)

Nelspoort the project is almost complete on the upgrade of infrastructure and services. Casidra has bought in on the transfer of farms/houses to municipalities and communities. In total their initiatives are R10 million.

#### 3.4.9 Mr Jan Theron Dept. Agriculture

This department is involved with the Emerging Farmers after care with LRAD, Small Scale Farmers infrastructure in Laingsburg and will look at Small Scale Farming in the node. They are also involved on the Working for Water project in partnership with Water Affairs. They also do training of farmers. There is a feasibility study underway for the Cold Storage in Prince Albert and are also looking at Agri-Tourism and food gardens in conjunction with the Department of Social Services and Poverty Alleviation.

#### 3.4.10 Mr Jan Steyn – CIMP & Dept. Housing

They are funding 23 Anchor projects and are also involved in the development of parks in Beaufort West and in 108 housing subsidies.

#### 3.4.11 Mr Eric Deacon Regional Planning

They are involved in the Spatial development programme in Prince Albert, Laingsburg, and Beaufort West.

### **3.5 Nodal Initiatives: Private Sector/Parastatals**

#### 3.5.1 Mr Kobus van der Walt - SANRA

This organisation is involved in 13 projects consisting of access roads, roads and roads safety in 3 sisters, Murraysburg, Laingsburg and Beaufort West upgrading/rehabilitation of streets. There is also a training/skills development component in their projects.

#### 3.5.2 Ms Emma Maspero – CSIR - Transportek

Are currently in discussions with the relevant role-players on possible pilot interventions in the node.

#### 3.5.3 Mr Tom de Wet - CASIDRA

They have been appointed by the Beaufort West Municipality as an implementing agent and to raise funds for 4 projects in Nelspoort. In the Nelspoort community established Vuyani Development Trust they have observer/advisor status. Have initiated the youth empowerment programme and fundraising efforts have started. They are looking at 4 projects in Leeu Gamka.

#### 3.5.4 Ms Grisselle Viviers - TRANSNET

Planning to upgrade stations through the node from Prince Albert to De Aar.

#### 3.5.5 Ms Christelle Cronjé - PDC

Their prime support area is ensuring local participation of civil society and community involvement in projects and would like to participate in the strategic planning process facilitated by PDLG.

#### 3.5.6 Ms Portia Ndengezi - NDA

Their contribution will be by developing a programme that encourages community participation and involvement. They have strength in institutional capacity of civil society.

#### 3.5.7 Ms Juanita Fortuin - IDT

Besides the other support the IDT provide to the node, the IDT is currently compiling a

status quo that entails baseline data for example around participation from Departments and over time how this has increased as a feedback mechanism to cabinet.

#### 3.5.8 Mr Nkululeko Somhlahlo - Umsobomvu Youth Fund (UYF)

Has partnered with Equal Opportunity Foundation (EOF) as an intermediary grant on behalf of UYF for the node. They are looking at developing new youth development strategies where none exist and a grant allocation in the node will be informed by such programmes.

#### 3.5.9 Mr T. Lamani & Mr L Mansfield - SABC

Currently the organization is zooming in on the nodes. They identify transmitter networks and needs assistance in identifying which services the node needs from them and in which towns. The relevant social facilitator / Municipal manager will talk to the SABC representatives to take the process forward and assist with the information they need.

### **3.6 IDP participation**

A suggestion to group departments according to their focus areas and form working groups was welcomed by all and that departments should know exactly where they fit in. Emphasis was made on that ISRDP depends on IDP's as we cannot embark on rural development without being guided by IDP's.

There is also a need to move away from short-term projects and look at whether we can't adopt the framework where all departments sit together and do medium-term planning.

The concept was adopted in principle by the role-players but there is a lot of work that needs to be done by the district municipality, IDT and PDLG. Inputs have been requested from everyone by the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

### **3.7 Summary and Way Forward**

A report will be compiled and circulated to all and will serve as basis for the political champion's meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2003. We have to report back on the following:

- ✓ Human resource development – comprehensive input and what we aim to achieve

- ✓ Economic development; and
- ✓ Co-ordination and integration

The next meeting date will depend on the outcome of the political champions meeting. The working groups will start working soon and will be co-ordinated in due course.

### **3.8 Closure**

Mr P. Williams declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their valuable input.

