

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE MODEL FOR TOURISM PLANNING

31 March 2015

G M Makgamatha



CONTENTS

Background

Looking at the conditions, experiences and events influencing planning within local government

- Planning relationships among sectors
- Model for tourism planning
- Conclusion



Background

- Chapter 5 of the MSA provides and overarching framework integrated development planning (IDP) in municipalities
- IDP represents a single, inclusive & strategic plan
 of a municipality that integrates planning &
 aligns resources & capacity of a municipality
- Mainly integrates all sectoral plans to facilitate the achievement of integrated development in communities



Background Continued......

 To develop & implement credible IDPs that brings about integrated development, which largely depends on sound sectoral planning process



Planning relationships

- Many municipalities struggle to develop sector plans, including tourism plans into the IDPs
- Lack of integration of sectoral planning in the development process can be attributed to many factors, one being inability to identify and demonstrate relationships among various sectors



Planning relationships Continued.....

 In most instances sector plans are normally developed as stand alone plans independent from one another (resulting in fragmented programmes & projects that are not aligned or contributing to the vision of a municipality)

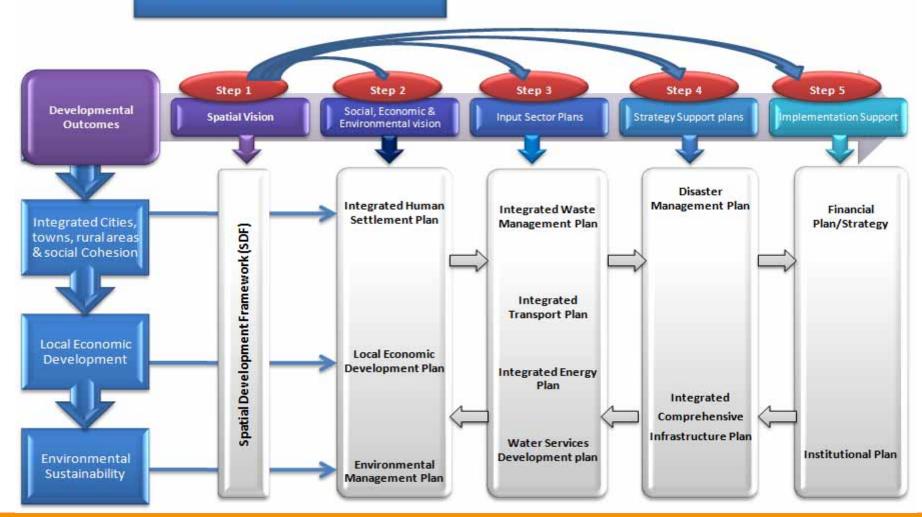


Model for tourism planning

- SECTOR INTEGRATGION PROCESS
- Logical approach need to be adopted by municipalities to follow a particular logic in the development of sector plans & that relationship between different sector plans is well understood by all stakeholders
- The diagram below demonstrates how integrated approach can contribute in achieving the outcomes of developmental local government
- Outline the principles to guide the development & review of sector plans including tourism plans



SECTOR INTEGRATION PROCESS





Sector integration process cont....

- Plans should be informed by Integrated Human Settlement Plan, LED plan & Environmental Management plan which are informed by the SDF
- They are meant to provide socio-economic & transformation vision of the municipality
- Sector plans should not be developed in isolation of one another, e.g. tourism plan or strategy should be developed & aligned to the LED plan or strategy of the municipality



Sector integration process cont....

- Plans should not be high level academic documents, but rather indicate concrete interventions relevant to a municipality
- It is critical that tourism sector plan be aligned to the NDP as municipalities are at the core of the achievement of many elements of the decent standard of living advanced by the NDP
- Municipalities need to plan for all the services to be provided in their space irrespective of whether they will be directly providing the service or it will be provided by other stakeholders



CONCLUSION

- It is critical that this understanding of the direct and indirect role of the municipalities be understood by all sectors at both national and provincial level.
- The department of tourism has a critical role to play in supporting municipalities to develop credible Tourism Sector Plans and review to ensure alignment & integration with other plans
- The department (NDT) need to ensure that municipalities are sufficiently capacitated & that support is coordinated & integrated with efforts of other stakeholders



THANK YOU