



## MUNICIPAL INNOVATION MATURITY INDEX

Enabling Future Smart Cities

# The State of Innovation in SA Municipalities –Municipal innovation Maturity Index Report from the pilot implementation phase

## PURPOSE OF THE IID SEMINAR



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## PURPOSE: INNOVATION FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

- Welcome to this Innovation for **Inclusive Development Seminar** hosted by ASSAF and the DSI as well as the Municipal Innovation Maturity Index (MIMI) partners;
- **This IID Seminar is about the launch the national rollout of the MIMI** is part of a series of IID Seminars that the DSI organises through ASSAF, the recent one was in April 2021;
- **The purpose** of these **IID Seminars** is to **engage** government **policy and decision makers, civil society, academia** and **industry** to showcase **knowledge, evidence and learning** emanating from technology **demonstration projects** such as the IPRDP that may influence policy.
- DSI sponsors **these IID Seminars** to create a **space for policy dialogue** regarding **technologies, innovations and decision support tools arising** from **DSI funded projects** that have a **potential for widespread adoption in government** and which can **improve service delivery** –achieve a **capable state** in line with the NDP vision 2030.
- The **Municipal Innovation Maturity Index** - is a **decision support tool** that is funded by the DSI and has a **potential for widespread adoption to improve service delivery in municipalities** through encouraging innovation uptake in municipalities.
- **DSI has funded the implementation piloting of this tool** and **partnered** with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in developing and undertaking the pilot implementation of MIMI in order to inform a national rollout of this tool.
- **A pilot implementation is an activity undertaken in the context of systems development and implementation to test a system in a realistic setting** and thereby **learn about the fit** between the **system and its organizational use situation** and about **changes necessary prior to full-scale deployment**.
- **This IID Seminar will share** with you a **report for municipal innovation measurements in municipalities** that **participated in the pilot implementation**, how this **report provides a blueprint** and a **model for reporting on innovation practices**, capabilities of individual employees and municipalities to learn, adopt, implement, and institutionalise innovations that can improve the functioning and performance of municipalities.

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- The **Municipal Innovation Practices Report** presented **here today** should be **considered in the context of the MIMI pilot implementation** and the challenges, lessons learnt and experiences of the **MIMI partners in setting up a model for reporting about innovation in municipalities during the full scale rollout of the MIMI initiative.**
- Detailed **engagements and feedback platforms with Municipalities that participated** in the pilot, to **engage on the MIMI pilot implementation report and the recommendations for each municipality** participating in the MIMI pilot initiative will be achieved through Learning Forums scheduled in August 2021,
- The **MIMI partners** will also **use such engagements to further refine the MIMI data collection system** before a full a national rollout i.e. **use of evidence during data collection**
- **DSI is excited about the pilot implementation report** being shared here today **as the initiative has a potential to support smart city initiatives in the country.**
- DSI would also **is pleased with the partnership** between the Department of Science and Innovation, the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) **to develop, pilot and rollout** the Municipal Innovation Maturity Index (MIMI).
- We **look forward to a more fruitful engagement** at this Seminar and to see increased participation of municipalities in the MIMI rollout survey and to see the uptake and to have this initiative supported by as many Municipalities as possible.
- **The Department** is also **encouraging the participation of municipalities** we see here today to look at ways in which municipalities could adopt innovation to improve service delivery in the context of the DSI's innovation for service delivery support programmes and the DSI's Decadal Plan and the STI White Paper.
- **We wish everyone a productive and a fruitful engagement !**