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MIMI NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT

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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION



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 - Background to Nationwide Implementation of MIMI Roll-Out
 - Introduction of MIMI Roll-Out to Municipalities
 - Benefits of the Nationwide Roll-Out to Municipalities
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PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION

The purpose of this presentation is to:

- Provide a background to the nationwide implementation of MIMI Roll-out.
 - Introduce MIMI Roll-Out Plan to municipalities and other stakeholders.
 - Share a plan for the full implementation and universal access of MIMI
 - Encourage full participation in the MIMI Roll-Out
 - Discuss the MIMI instrument nationwide Roll-out implementation processes.
 - Identify the Benefits of the MIMI nationwide Roll-Out to Municipalities.
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Background to Nationwide Implementation of MIMI



Implementation Testing Feedback and Recruitment of Municipal Officials to serve as Innovation Champions

- Provide feedback to municipalities who participated in implementation testing through learning forums and individual reports [[Feedback](#)]
- Invite municipal managers to nominate innovation champion(s) from their municipalities to be the contact person within each municipality, promote communication between the municipal officials and the MIMI team throughout the nationwide Roll-Out of MIMI [[Leadership Support](#)]
- The Team received 43 nominations during implementation testing – recruit for universal access.
- Train municipal officials on how to use the MIMI digital platform - innovation champion and workshop to inform them about the nationwide implementation roll-out of universal access.
- MIMI nationwide Roll-Out implementation will be voluntary and will target at least 50 officials per municipality and to at least reach all of South Africa's municipalities in the MTSF.

THE MIMI ROLLOUT IMPLEMENTATION MEDIUM TERM STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024



IMPLEMENTATION PHASES	Number of Municipality (Nationally) Participating in the MIMI	Month/Year of Implementing MIMI Rollout
PHASE 1	8 Metros + 50 Local Municipalities + 20 District Municipalities.	September 2021-June 2022.
PHASE 2	70 Local Municipalities+ 22 District Municipalities.	July 2022-November 2023.
PHASE 3	85 Local Municipalities.	February 2023 –August 2023.

INTRODUCE MIMI ROLL-OUT TO MUNICIPALITIES



MIMI WEBSITE LIVE DEPLOYMENT:

- MIMI Website will be going live in order to allow municipalities to have access to the online tool.
- Train municipal officials on how to use the MIMI digital platform.
- Utilise learning forums to encourage municipalities to participate in the enrolment of the online MIMI tool.
- Enroll Municipalities in an online tool - target municipalities that did not participate in the implementation testing.

MIMI MARKETING:

- Encourage full participation in the MIMI Roll-Out
- Implementation Scaling-up and Universal Access of Digital MIMI

BENEFITS OF THE NATIONWIDE ROLL-OUT TO MUNICIPALITIES

- Municipalities will have an opportunity to interact with the MIMI instrument, learn and reflect on their innovation capabilities for improved service delivery solutions.
 - Municipal feedback will include recommendations to municipalities on how to plan for innovation, integrate innovation in their strategies and plans.
 - Municipal feedback will also help municipalities think of ways to manage innovation ideas and institutionalise innovation and to develop plans to migrate to higher levels of innovation maturity.
 - Municipalities participating in MIMI are likely to have advantage of applying for innovation support through other DSI innovation funding instruments such as the Technology Acquisition and Deployment Fund (TADF), the Innovation for Service Delivery Programme etc.
 - Compare different municipalities – respond to low performers, increase performance and motivation to improve.
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FUTURE DIRECTION OF MIMI



- Institutionalisation of MIMI in a potential host – launch a host institution
 - Establish the MIMI accreditation system and Awards on municipal innovation.
 - Introduce and launch annual event on municipal innovation awards in South Africa.
 - Lobby for public and private sector investment partners
 - MIMI supports other DSI innovation funding instruments such as the Technology Acquisition and Deployment Fund
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CONCLUSION

- The success of the roll-out will depend on the leadership support at a municipal level.
 - The success of the introduction of Municipal Innovation Awards will depend on the participation of municipalities as that will allow generating a maturity score which will contribute to incentivizing performers whilst providing motivation to improve
 - The participation of municipalities will also allow comparing different municipalities.
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