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## The District Development Model as a Platform for Inclusive Innovation and Innovative Districts

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# PROGRAMME

- 09:00- 09:05 Welcome Remarks (**Facilitator**)  
**Dr Melusi Thwala.** Manager: Science Advisory Programme and Strategic Partnerships, Academy (ASSAf)
- 09:05- 09:10 Opening Remarks  
**Prof Himla Soodyall.** Executive Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
- 09:10- 09:40 Update on the National Status of the DDM  
**Mr Ashley Losch.** Director: Intergovernmental Relations (IGR), Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA)
- 09:40- 10:10 DDM as a Platform for Innovation in the Context of the Decadal Plan  
**Dr Mmboneni Muofhe,** Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Innovation Partnership, Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)
- 10:10- 10:40 Innovative Districts: International Perspective  
**Ms Sophie West,** Manager: Knowledge Transfer Manager, Knowledge Transfer Network
- 10:40- 10:45 Survey- Brief  
**Ms Precious Lukhele.** Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)
- 10:45- 10:55 **Tea Break**



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- 10:55- 11:25 DSI's Approach to the DDM  
**Mr Tshepang Mosiea.** Director: S&T for Sustainable Human Settlements, Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)  
**Mr Ephraim Phalafala.** Deputy Director: S&T for Sustainable Human Settlements, Department
- 11:25- 11:55 Evaluating the District Development Model: Views from Three Municipalities in Eastern Cape and KZN (TUAVAA)  
**Dr Kombi Sausi.** Research Specialist: Developmental, Capable & Ethical State (DCES), Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)  
**Dr Yul Derek Davids.** Chief Research Specialist: Developmental, Capable & Ethical State (DCES), Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
- 11:55- 12:10 Perspective from Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality: The District Development Model as a platform for innovation  
**Mr Isaiah Engelbrecht.** Divisional Head: Innovation and Knowledge Management
- 12:10- 12:40 DDM Impact Simulation Model  
**Mr Gerbrand Mans.** Research Group Leader: Urban and Regional Planning, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 12:40- 12:55 **Discussions and Q&A**
- 12:55- 13:00 Closing Remarks  
**Mr Ephraim Phalafala.** Deputy Director: S&T for Sustainable Human Settlements, Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)



# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Mr Ashley Losch** currently holds the position of Director: Intergovernmental Relations within the Intergovernmental Policy & Practice Chief Directorate at the national Department for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. In this role, he focus on strengthening and improving current Intergovernmental relations practices in South Africa by introducing institutional and governance reforms that will contribute to intergovernmental policy coherence and implementation. Before joining COGTA, he worked at the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). Here he worked as a senior governance advisor at GIZ's Governance Support Programme (GSP). A position he held for close to 12 years. Through-out his 19 years of work experience exclusively dedicated working in the Local Government space, he built up extensive insights and knowledge on the intergovernmental development planning system primarily from a municipal perspective.

**Dr Mmboneni Muofhe** is the Deputy Director-General (DDG) for Socio-Economic Innovation Partnership at the DSI. He was previously the DDG for Technology Innovation (2013-2022) and DDG for International Cooperation and Resources (2012-2013) in the Department. He is experienced in science, technology and innovation policy development and implementation. Dr Muofhe holds a PhD in Management of Technology and Innovation, Master of Business Administration and Master of Science. He is currently leading the pilot implementation of the recently established Innovation Fund which aims at bridging the funding gap between research, technology development and translation of research outputs into products and services addressing socio-economic challenges. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the World Health Organisation's mRNA Technology Transfer Hub which is entrusted with building vaccine manufacturing capabilities in low- and middle-income countries. Dr. Muofhe is also the South African Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Principal, a member of its Executive Committee and one of its four Co-chairs.

**Ms Sophie West** is the Africa Regional Lead for Innovate UK KTN. She is responsible for the delivery and management of KTN's programmes across a number of African countries. Her work is predominantly focused on a UK government funded initiative, Global Alliance Africa, with the objective to build new and stronger UK-African innovation partnerships within the ecosystem by maximising the creation of inclusive market access and skills development which contributes toward the development of local innovation streams. Previously Sophie worked for an International Development consulting company responsible for the delivery of multi-stakeholder, overseas development assistance programmes across a range of sectors and countries.

**Ms Precious Lukhele** works with research, policy and innovation projects at the Department of Science and Innovation.

**Mr Tshepang Mosiea** Director for Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Human Settlements at the DSI. He manages a number of innovation for inclusive development initiatives with the DSI. Tshepang has worked in various government departments, municipalities and entities.

**Mr Ephraim Phalafala** is the Deputy Director in the Department of Science and Innovation responsible for science, technology and innovation in sustainable human settlements and has been tasked to coordinate the implementation of the District Development Model for the Department. He has been with the Department for 08 years and before joining the Department of Science and Innovation, he was with the National Department of Human Settlements supporting the implementation of the People's Housing Process Programme. He holds two Bachelors' Degree in (1) Public Administration (Vista University) and in (2) Law (UNISA) and (3) Masters in Public Administration (University of Pretoria).

**Dr Kombi Sausi** hold a PhD in development Anthropology from University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is a Research Specialist at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in the Developmental Capable and Ethical State division (DCES). He has more than 15 years research experience with a focus on access services. Over the years he has managed and coordinated more than 13 projects. Since joining DCES in 2020, he has contributed to several projects and proposals namely, OSF-SA Public Official's Skills and Capacity Audit Study, Synthesis Evaluation of State Capacity with a Special Focus on DGs and HoDs, South African Social Attitude Survey, Local Government Service Standards and Associated Implementation Guidelines Framework.

**Dr Yul Derek Davids** is a Research Director in the HSRC's Developmental, Capable & Ethical State (DCES) division and Advisory Member at the Department of Applied Legal Studies at CPUT. He holds a PhD in Political Studies from the University of Stellenbosch (2010). Davids specialises in democracy, governance and social cohesion and focus on the socio-economic conditions of vulnerable people. Davids has published extensively in scientific peer-reviewed local and international journals, and produced several research reports, abstracts, and book chapters. He co-edited a book entitled South African Social Attitudes 2nd Report: Reflections on the Age of Hope (2010) and "Paradise Lost: Race and Racism in post-apartheid South Africa" that will be published by Brill Publishing in June 2022. Davids did consultancy work for Management Systems International (MSI) in Nigeria, USAID in Tanzania, and for the International Foundation for Elections Systems (IFES) in Uganda.

**Mr Gerbrand Mans** has more than 18 years' experience in a multidisciplinary research environment. He has broad experience in the application of Geographical Information Technology in an applied research environment, with specialised knowledge of geo-demographics and spatial analysis of economic trends and implications. His primary focus is on decision and planning support as it relates to city and regional development futures, through advanced spatial analysis and modelling.