

Guidelines on District Coordination Roles and Urban Development Planning



The Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG), mindful of the growing Gauteng city region within the province intended to promote more integrated planning and decision making to ensure that, inter alia, investment, economic growth, spatial planning and infrastructure development is directed towards achieving a co-ordinated vision of the region.

The GPG's vision for the Gauteng City Region (GCR) is: "A Globally Competitive City-Region and Leading Economy in Africa. A seamlessly integrated governance, social cohesion, economic inclusion, knowledge and innovation as key drivers of smart and sustainable industrial development." (Gauteng Provincial Government, 2014)

Inter-governmental co-ordination is imperative to achieve that the vision occurs through various intergovernmental forums (IGFs) and processes. However, apparent is that it is often still fragmented and voluntary, almost informal. To overcome this, the OoP is looking to move towards more institutional coherence through some formal, even legislated arrangement for the GCR (Office of the Premier, 2015).

PDG in collaboration with its project partners set out to determine a policy for a suitable institutional structure or mechanism for the GCR to strengthen economic integration, social transformation and spatial coordination and reduce the cost of doing business in the GCR. That is, to develop a policy document on the institutionalisation of the Gauteng City Region.

Key stakeholder interviews were conducted across the GPG together with an in-depth literature and document review.

The project undertook an in-depth analysis of the policy



arguments for institutionalizing the GCR, exploring different rationales for city-region wide organisation and what they imply for institutional arrangements for a GCR.

A guiding policy document has been developed for the GCR with options for institutionalizing the GCR by way of the range of legal possibilities; approaches to improving GCR planning and infrastructure delivery within the existing legal framework; and improving GCR planning and infrastructure delivery through legislative reform.

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