COMMUNITY BASED PLANNING - BACKGROUND

CBP is a form of participatory planning which has been designed to promote community action.

The methodology was developed in a 4 Country Project with South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe & Ghana.

Between 2003-5 CBP was refined in SA where it was tested and revised based on the experience of 8 pilot municipalities including eThekwini Municipality.
CBP LINKAGE TO POLICY & LEGISLATION

- Freedom Charter : The people shall govern
- Constitution : Section 152 & Section 195 (e)
- White Paper on Local Government
- Municipal Systems Act : Sections 16(1) & 29(b)
CBP LINKAGE TO POLICY & LEGISLATION (cont.)

CBP methodology provides municipalities with the means to strengthen the participatory aspects of their IDP – giving effect to the requirements of the White Paper and the Systems Act;

CBP promotes ward level plans & community action; thus promoting other aspects of government policy such as Letsema and Vukuzenzele;

CBP mobilises communities and citizens to take the destiny of their lives into their hands
HOW CBP LINKS TO IDP

CBP establishes a participatory process for mobilising communities and planning around grassroots issues and how they (issues) can relate to the broader municipal planning perspective.

The CBP process is a forerunner to the IDP. It captures what communities see as their desired outcomes and this helps speed up the implementation of the IDP.

Ultimately the process will assist the Municipality to achieve its long term development framework’s vision of having an improved quality of life for its citizens.
PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF UNDERTAKING CBP

BENEFITS:

• Assistance to municipality to give effect to the requirements of the Municipal Systems Act;

• Taking participation beyond a consultation approach to one that empowers communities, encouraging ownership of local development, the releasing of community energy for action thereby overcoming dependency;

• The use of relatively small amounts of discretionary funds by the municipality to harness local energy and resources;
PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF UNDERTAKING CBP (cont.)

- Obtaining indepth understanding of the assets, vulnerabilities, preferred outcomes and livelihood strategies of different groups within the community, especially the most vulnerable;

- Planning from outcomes not problems leads to more realistic and creative planning, valuable for the ward plan but also for enabling practical implementation of the IDP;

- The plans are more targeted and relevant to addressing the priorities of all groups, including the most vulnerable;
PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF UNDERTAKING CBP (cont.)

- The municipality empowers its ward committees to start to be effective, based around the ward plan which they need to support and monitor implementation;

- The municipality develops a cadre of trained facilitators;

- Sector departments within the Municipality gain a much better understanding of their clients;

- CBP can play a key role in reconciliation and mobilization by bringing together different sectors of the community and bringing the Councilor closer to his/her constituency.
CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

The benefits mentioned in the previous slide are only relevant to Municipalities who are genuinely committed to maximizing participation by residents, deepening democracy, and promoting the active involvement of citizens in the development process.
CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

• CBP be maintained as the best practice community participation methodology that deepens our democracy and enhance our IDP;

• CBP promotes citizen oriented ways of service delivery;

• CBP encourages partnerships between communities and municipalities in project implementation.
• THANK YOU!!!