

4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Northern Cape Planning and Development Act (Act 7 of 1998) requires continual public consultation to be undertaken during the formulation of a Spatial Development Framework.

In compliance with this Act, CNDV africa have undertaken public participation sessions as part of the Namakwa District Spatial Development Framework process.

As part of this process a consultation session was conducted with the Namakwa District Municipal Officials and a presentation done to the district Councillors. One public meeting was arranged where members of the general public and district ward forums were invited to attend.

4.1 INTENT TO PREPARE A LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
CNDV OFFICE
PUBLIC NOTICE:

NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Intention to prepare a Land Development Plan / development of Spatial Development Framework (SDF) for the Namakwa District Municipality i.t.o. Section 30 of the Northern Cape Planning and Development Act, 1998 (Act 7 of 1998).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Namakwa District Municipality intends to develop a Spatial Development Framework (SDF) in terms of the Northern Cape Planning and Development Act, 1998 (Act 7 of 1998), Section 30(1).

The SDF is a strategic document setting out objectives reflecting the desired spatial development plans of the municipality as well as identifying strategies and policies through which to achieve these objectives.

A schedule of public participation meetings will be published in due course. Further inquiries regarding the process can be obtained during office hours (from 07:30 to 16:15) from Mr. J.T. Louber by pms@namakwa-dm.gov.za, tel. 027 712 8000 or at the Namakwa District Municipality, Van Riebeeck Street, Springbok.

Ms. M.L. Brandt
Municipal Manager

NAMAKWA DISTRIK MUNISIPALITEIT
PUBLIEKE KENNISGEWING:
NAMAKWA DISTRIKSMUNISIPALITEIT
RUIMTELIKE ONTWIKKELINGS RAAMWERK.

Voorname om 'n Grondontwikkelings Plan (LOP)/ Ruimtelike Ontwikkelingsraamwerk (ROR) vir die Namakwa Distriksmunisipaliteit voor te berei in terme van Klousule 30(1) van die Noord-Kaapse Wet op Beplanning en Ontwikkeling, 1998 (Wet 7 and 1998).

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Namakwa Distriksmunisipaliteit beoog om 'n Grondontwikkelings Plan / Ruimtelike Ontwikkelingsraamwerk (ROR) op te stel in terme van die Noord-Kaapse Wet op Beplanning en Ontwikkeling, 1998 (Wet 7 van 1998 Klousule 30(1)).

Die Ruimtelike Ontwikkelingsraamwerk is 'n strategiese dokument wat die doelwitte vir die gewenste ruimtelike ontwikkelingsplanne van die Munisipaliteit uitleen te sit en ook strategieë en beleide te identifiseer waardeur die doelwitte bereik kan word.

'n Skedule vir publieke deelnamevergaderings sal in die media gepubliseer word. Enige verdere navrae aangaande die proses kan verkry word tydens kantoor-ure (07:30 tot 16:15) by Mnr. J.T. Louber by pms@namakwa-dm.gov.za of tel. 027 712 8000, of by die kantoor van die Namakwa Distriksmunisipaliteit, Van Riebeeckstraat, Springbok.

Mej. M.L. Brandt
Munisipale Bestuurder

Notice in Die Noordwester – 24 February 2012

4.2 INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

On 23 March 2012 a second notice informing the public of the "Intent to prepare a Land Development Plan" and was placed in Die Plattelander. As part of this notice members of the public and the district ward forums were invited to attend a public meeting.

NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY	NAMAKWA DISTRIKSMUNISIPALITEIT
PUBLIC NOTICE: NAMAKWA DISTRICT SDF	PUBLIEKE KENNISGEWING: NAMAKWA DISTRIK ROR
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The public is invited to the first round in the Public Participation Process to participate in an Issues and Vision meeting which will be held on Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 14:00 at the Libra Hall, Van Niekerk Street, Bergsig. Please confirm your attendance with Nazeema van Rooyen at CNDV africa via e-mail: Nazeema@cndv.co.za or fax: (021) 424 6837.	Die publiek word uitgenooi na 'n Kwesties en Probleme vergadering as deel van die eerste ronde in die Publieke Deelname Proses. Die vergadering sal gehou word op Dinsdag 27 Maart 2012 om 14:00 by die Libra Saal, Van Niekerk straat, Bergsig. Bevestig asseblief u bywoning by Nazeema van Rooyen van CNDV africa per e-pos: Nazeema@cndv.co.za of fax: (021) 424 6837.
Miss M L Brandt Municipal Manager	Mej. M L Brandt Munisipale Bestuurder

Notice in Die Plattelander – 23 March 2012

4.3 CONSULTATION PROCESS PLANNING

The initial phase of the consultation process involved the confirmation of suitable dates for conducting the various consultative meetings. Suitable dates were discussed with the Namakwa District Municipality and the following dates and venues were confirmed:

Date	Venue	Time
27 March 2012	Namakwa District Municipal Offices, Springbok	10:00
27 March 2012	Libra Hall, Bergsig, Springbok	14:00
28 March 2012	Council Chambers, Namakwa District Municipality	9:00
24 April 2012	IDP Rep Forum Meeting, Kokerboom Centre, Springbok	9:00
16 August 2012	Project Committee Meeting, Kimberley	9:00
30 August 2012	Project Steering Committee Meeting, Kimberley	9:00
11 September 2012	IDP Rep Forum Meeting, Libra Hall, Springbok	9:00
11 September 2012	District Communication Forum, Springbok	12:00

4.4 SCOPE OF CONSULTATION PROCESS

Discussions were held with the technical officials of the district and agreement was reached that a focused consultation process will be followed. Meetings were therefore only set up with the representative forums and lobby groups of the district.

4.5 CONSULTATION SESSIONS

4.5.1 Session 1: Namakwa District Municipality

The first consultative meeting was held with the officials of the Namakwa District Municipality. The meeting took place on 27 March 2012 at 10:00 at the Namakwa District Municipal Offices.

A total of 6 officials attended the meeting, representing Local Economic Development, Finances, Planning and Community Services.

4.5.1.1 Issues/Problems

The meeting specifically focused on gaining inputs from the Council officials on issues and problems they are currently experiencing within the district. Table 4.5.1.1 lists those issues which were presented.

1.	Lack of economic development throughout the district.
2.	Water provision (especially in northern most municipalities)
3.	Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mining trucks are using roads (especially M14) which damages the road surface and increases maintenance costs. This also reduces the tourism quality of the area. Overloaded salt mining trucks damage the gravel roads in an attempt to avoid weigh bridges.
4.	Energy provision is a constant problem. The district could link with gas lines (Ebubezi, PetroSA, Diepsee, etc) as a possible solution.
5.	Migration into and out of the district is causing a loss of skills and growth in poorer unskilled population groups.
6.	Population grew by 20% but certain groups have decreased.
7.	Population figures in Alexander Bay and other mining towns are decreasing due to a lack of employment.
8.	Springbok attracts most migration.
9.	Abalone ranching rights on coastline have been approved, the impact of these rights need to be properly managed.
10.	Important economic activities in the district: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copper mining in the Nama Khoi Municipality (currently declining) Zinc, copper and lead mining near Pofadder Fishing, gas, abalone and diamonds along the coast. Diamond diving at Alexander Bay and Port Nolloth
11.	Road from Alexander Bay to Rospina to be tarred as a priority.

Table 4.5.1.1 Session 1: Issues presented at the workshop

4.5.1.2 Vision

The elements which were regarded as unique to the district and which need to be collectively strengthened to formulate a vision for the district is listed below.

1.	The biodiversity of the area
2.	Copper mining in the Springbok area.
3.	Agricultural character in Brandvlei, Calvinia and Williston areas.

Table 4.5.1.2 Session 1: Vision aspects presented at the workshop

4.5.2 Session 2: Namakwa District Ward Forums and General Public

The second consultative meeting was held with the district ward forums and general members of the public. The meeting took place on 27 March 2012 at 14:00 at the Libra Hall, Bergsig and Springbok.

One Namakwa District Planning official and representatives from the Department of Environmental Affairs, Environment and Nature Conservation, Nama Khoi Municipality and Namakwa District Department of Economic Development and Tourism attended the meeting.

4.5.2.1 Issues/Problems

The only issue/problem raised at this meeting was with regards the Postmasburg mines that are affecting the quality of the underground water table in the Namakwa District.

4.5.2.2 Vision

The elements which were regarded as unique to the district and which need to be collectively strengthened to formulate a vision for the district is listed below.

1.	Clean air
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2.	Low crime levels
3.	Range of biodiversity "hot spots"
4.	The Namakwa district is the largest district in South Africa
5.	Manufacturing of renewable energy equipment of power generation to be done locally
6.	The N7 highway should be harnessed as a tourism opportunity

Table 4.5.2.2 Session 2: Vision aspects presented at the workshop



Session 2: Namakwa District Ward Forums and General Public (Libra Hall, Bergsig, Springbok)

4.5.3 Session 3: Namakwa District Council Members

CNdV africa were given the opportunity to present the current Namakwa District SDF process to the Namakwa District Councillors. At this meeting members were given an opportunity to raise any issues and problems which they regard as important in the formulation of a district SDF.

4.5.3.1 Issues/Problems

Table 4.5.3.1 lists those issues which were presented.

1.	The district plan needs to address Section 9 areas and those residential areas located next to dumping sites and sewerage works.
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2.	The eradication of apartheid needs to be adequately addressed spatially.
3.	Economic drivers in the district need to be identified and capitalised on.
4.	National and provincial initiative are required to address water shortages in the district and the district plan should assist in this regard as much as possible.

Table 4.5.3.1 Session 3: Issues presented at the workshop

4.5.3.2 Vision

No aspects were raised around a desired vision for the district. This was mostly due to the limited time available at the meeting.



Session 3: Namakwa District Council Chambers

Due to the poor turnout at the above meetings a follow-up consultation process was conducted on 24 April 2012.

4.5.4 Session 4: IDP Rep. Forum Meeting

This meeting was very well attended and covered the Status Quo presentation. The inputs from the various sector departments with regard to projects that they have budgeted were also dealt with at this workshop.

The most important aspects from the above process which had to be taken forward included:

- Water provision for the district needs to be secured.

- Ensuring constant energy provision, especially through renewable energy sources, should be specifically addressed in the District SDF.
- The most important economic drivers/resources in the district need to be identified and capitalised on in order to ensure sustainable economic development.
- Tourism needs to be promoted, especially along the N7 highway.

4.5.5 Session 5: IDP Rep Forum Meeting

This meeting workshopped the conceptual framework proposals. Comments were received in terms of the proposal and the meeting accepted the proposals.

4.5.6 Session 6: District Communications Forum Meeting

The conceptual framework proposals were presented to a meeting of this forum who endorsed the proposals and agreed to ensure an awareness of these proposals through their respective media.