

## PROVINCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The forum was set up to discuss planning and environmental matters with Minister Bredell and DEA&DP, and to explore ways of shortening some of the approval processes. Currently, it meets quarterly under the chairmanship of Alwyn Laubscher. Apart from the Minister and representatives from DEA&DP, the following organisations are usually represented: International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA), South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI), South African Association of Professional Planners (SAACPP), South African Planning Institute (SAPI), South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA), Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) and SAICE.

If SAICE members have any issues they would like the Forum to deal with, they are welcome to forward these to Steve Fanner ([fanner@telkomsa.net](mailto:fanner@telkomsa.net)).

In recent times there has been some concern on the side of the land-use practitioners, about the lack of progress, and that there may be different agendas being pursued. During the meeting of 10 May 2012, for example, it was noted with some surprise that there had been no prior discussion with the group about important legislative processes that were published for comment. There was a promise that this would be addressed.

At the meeting (of 10 May), DEA&DP gave two presentations:

- Chris Rabie on LUPA (the land use planning act)
- Marius Wüst on MIG Funding.

LUPA will be totally different to LUPO, in that it is intended to be enabling legislation, with control passing to local authorities and governed by by-laws/regulations. The readiness of local authorities to take over the role (DEA&DP says it is the local authority mandate, and not an unfunded one been delegated to them) was questioned, but the meeting was assured that there were substantial transitional provisions in the draft.

The interaction with draft national legislation was mentioned: whilst much of what the national department has published has great merit, there are certain clauses that raise concern, which concerns DEA&DP has made known to the authors in the past, and will again do. Organisations were encouraged to examine the documents and raise whatever concerns they might have as well.

The talk on MIG Funding revealed steadily increasing allocations to municipalities:

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
City	R972 000 000	R1 194 000 000	R1 387 000 000
Other municipalities	R455 000 000	R480 000 000	R508 000 000

Much of the slightly more detailed information focussed on the municipalities outside Cape Town. The slides are available – if there is any interest, these can be placed on the Branch website (819kB).

There was reference to a workshop of 8 May, on “Need and Desirability”: the documents relating to that are more bulky.

Hard copy versions of DEA&DP's Annual Performance Plan 2012/13 were handed out at the meeting, and make interesting reading. Unfortunately, only the 2011/12 version seems to open on the DEA&DP website ([www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp)).