



MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER KEY 2009/10 PRIORITY AREAS

**2009/10 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
PREMIER IS R 196,689 million.**

NOTE: Special attention will be given to the capacity of the Office to lead provincial macro-planning and policy coordination, monitoring and evaluation, as well as communication and public participation.

1. DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

To ensure that, as government, we remain focused on the five priorities captured in the Manifesto. These priorities have already been translated into ten programme areas and are reflected in the Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) of government.

2. RE-ALIGNMENT TO NEW POLICY IMPERATIVES

The Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS) and the Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) of the eighteen local municipalities and the three district councils must be re-aligned to the priorities and programme areas as reflected in the MTSF.

3. STRENGTHEN PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Macro-policy planning and coordination must provide an over-arching strategic framework to give effect to the implementation of manifesto priorities

4. COORDINATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Through the inter-governmental relations framework, activities of all spheres of government will be properly coordinated in order to accelerate service delivery to the people, particularly the poor and vulnerable individuals.

5. HOST THE PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

In order to mitigate on the global economic downturn the Office will coordinate the coming together all key economic players to deliberate and agree on key initiatives that will prevent job losses and drive the provincial economy towards a sustainable growth path.

6. 2010 WORLD CUP™

We will continue to support the work of the Integrated 2010 World Cup Office in the coordination of all programmes related to the hosting of the 2010 World Cup event in the Province

7. THE PROVINCIAL BURSARY FUND

Working with the business sector, we will be making bursaries available to students to pursue careers that will contribute to the production of skills required in the Province. We need to increase outputs of students in science and mathematics, and enhance the quality of vocational training in Further Education and Training Colleges.

8. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DISCUSSION FORUM

To convene a discussion forum involving women entrepreneurs and all financial institutions of government, including business development support institutions. The objective of this dialogue is to link women with institutions that will assist them to access finance and business development support.

9. NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Establishment of a National Youth Development Agency - we have commenced the legislative process to align with the national developments.

10. RE-LOCATION OF THE FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

In order to ensure that there is continuous building of capacity to fast track service delivery to communities the review of the implementation of the flagship projects points to the need to enhance and streamline accountability processes properly. Therefore, all flagship programmes will be moved to relevant line departments.

- 'Water for All' moves to the Department of Human Settlements.
- *Accelerated Capacity Building* moves to the Department of Education
- *Maputo and Moloto Development Corridors* will be housed in the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Environment.
- The heritage component of the *Heritage, Greening Mpumalanga and Tourism* flagship will be coordinated by The Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation
- The greening and tourism components will be taken over by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Environment.

11. RE-KINDLE 'BATHO PELE' WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Service delivery and commitment thereof requires public servants who are ready to change their current work ethic and begin to behave and act within the spirit and letter of the 'Batho Pele' principles.

12. STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF THE INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT UNIT

Our commitment towards dealing decisively and harshly with instances of fraud and corruption remains unwavering. We will strengthen the capacity of the Integrity Management Unit in the Office of the Premier to detect cases of corruption in the Administration.

13. VETTING OF ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The Office of the Premier will be responsible for the entire security management of the provincial government. All government employees will undergo primary vetting as part and parcel of security measures to enhance the integrity of the entire government administration.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Office of the Premier must assist departments and parastatals to be sensitive to issues of public participation. This will require commitment to strengthening institutions focusing on inter-governmental relations, municipal activities and other consultation fora. The Premier's Coordinating Forum will also assist in strengthening institutional capacities for public participation.

15. COMMUNICATE MORE ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS

Government is doing so much in different communities but such efforts are not communicated to either the public or even within departments themselves.

16. COMPREHENSIVE PROVINCIAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Outline communication priorities and clearly define roles and responsibilities of the communication function across the Administration. Enhance institutional coordination and bring about coherence in the communication of government work to the public.

17. ESTABLISH A CALL CENTRE

To strengthen the Administration's ability to capture, process and respond speedily to issues that communities raise from time to time.

18. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OUTREACH PROGRAMME

We will continue to utilise the Executive Council Outreach Programme to engage with communities on service delivery and development issues affecting them in localities where they live

19. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

We will have to place our ducks in a row and coordinate our international activities in a targeted fashion to impact positively on the Province's development and service delivery priorities.

20. REVIEW AND RE-ORIENTATE THE ORGANISATIONAL DESIGN

Review and re-orientate the Office's organisational design and capacity so that it responds to national developments and performance requirements.