

**PRESENTATION TO: ECONOMIC GROWTH PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE****DATE: 12 MAY 2022**

1. ITEM NUMBER: EG: 08/05/22**2. SUBJECT STATUS REPORT: PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (EDP)**

3. PURPOSE

To provide an overview on EDP to the Economic Growth Portfolio Committee.

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In 2010 Alan Winde asked Andrew Boraine, then CEO of the Cape Town Partnership to set up the EDP to broadly mobilise and organise stakeholders in the Western Cape economy. With support from National Treasury's Technical Advisory Unit, the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership was launched in April 2012, with the City of Cape Town and the WC Government as the EDP's core funding partners.

The EDP is an independent, public benefit, not-for-profit collaborative intermediary organisation that helps different sectors to work together cohesively to solve complex societal issues and system challenges, to help develop the Cape Town and Western Cape economy and improve people's lives.

The EDP has since convened and promoted a wide range of issue-based and area-based partnering processes with diverse stakeholders, promoting collaboration and collective impact in the City and WC economy. Not every initiative worked as it was envisioned, but each presented an opportunity to learn.

EDP mandate and history



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- Coastal Park landfill site, Environmental Management
- Bellville Innovation District, Catalytic Projects (with the Bellville Higher Education Forum)
- Area economic development, Enterprise and Investment Strategy for light manufacturing, Enterprise and Investment City partnering framework, Enterprise and Investment Ease of doing business (Enterprise and Investment, with WCG and Presidency)
- Establishment of homeless liaison platform, Inter-governmental Forum on Street People (with WCG and other municipalities)
- Establishment of 11 area-based team (ABTs) for violence prevention (multi-departmental, as part of WC Safety Plan)
- Futurecasting series, Resilience
- Food and nutrition sustainability, resilience, with W/C Food Forum and WCG Nourish to Flourish
- Stakeholder engagement framework, Spatial Planning and Environment
- Athlone Power Station site, Sustainable Energy Markets
- Sustainable transport planning, SEM and Transport
- Hydro-economic study of WC Water Supply System, Water and Sanitation

Current EDP
projects with
CoCT
departments



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Our vision is to continue to act locally while sharing our lessons nationally, as seen in the the recently launched Changemaker Towns Network, a forum that supports local cross-section partnerships in towns throughout South Africa, and the emerging Social Employment Network.

In a developmental context, Collaborative Intermediary Organisations (CIOs) guide people and their organisations on journeys of change for the benefit of society. They are particularly effective in situations that have become polarized, when there is an absence of trust, and when stakeholders struggle to understand each other and work together. Intermediaries help partners agree on the root causes of the problem, identify a common agenda and language despite diverse perspectives, and convert dialogue into joint action.

The opportunities
going forward



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South Africa continues to face enormous challenges with the capacity and capability of state and society, making it essential to build social cohesion and encourage a culture of participation and inclusion to meet future challenges. The EDP, and its practical ways of helping people collaborate, will continue to play an important role in our country. We have developed partnering implementation methods that go beyond abstract theory. We do partnering that solves problems collectively , and that helps partners move beyond dialogue to implementation.

The challenges include:

- Unresolved complex problems
- Poor implementation
- Disabling authorizing environment
- Declining state capacity
- Sudden shocks and stresses

| The challenges faced by
the EDP and within the
development sector



The City can assist by:

- Recognising the role of the EDP as a City partner not a service provider
- Ensuring that the right City people participate in processes and engagements
- Continuing to support the EDP to provide the necessary collaborative intermediary services to help bridge the divides and create the spaces for important conversations to solve complex problems and achieve collective impact
- Adopting a partnering implementation approach internally and externally
- Creating an enabling and supportive environment for whole of society initiatives
- Sharing information and knowledge that contributes to learning and adaptation

How the CoCT can assist,
support or intervene to
resolve those challenges





10 YEARS OF PARTNERING AND COLLABORATION IN ACTION

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Creating change, together

In celebration of ten years working as a collaborative intermediary organisation in the Western Cape economic development ecosystem and beyond, we look back on the many challenges faced and lessons learned, and forward to a new era of growth and change.