

**AMATHOLE DISTRICT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
SUMMIT**

“KHUL’ AMATHOLE”

**A shared vision for the accelerated growth and development of the
Amathole District to ensure a better life for all.**



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT AGREEMENT

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1 INTRODUCTION, VISION AND OBJECTIVES

1.1 INTRODUCTION

In response to the National Growth and Development Summit (GDS) held in June 2003 and the Eastern Cape Provincial Jobs Summit in February 2006, the Amathole District Municipality (ADM) is hosting District Growth and Development Summit in order to work towards the implementation of the National GDS and Provincial Job Summit agreements.

The broad objectives of the Amathole District Growth and Development summit are as follows:

1. To mobilise and consult stakeholders and reach broad agreement on a growth and development plan for the district, including identification of areas of priority and areas of potential in the short- medium- and long term;
2. Develop strategies to protect existing jobs and accelerate the creation of new decent jobs in the district;
3. Strengthen the strategic direction of the district IDP to ensure implementation of the district growth and development vision and agreement;
4. Strengthen the development and implementation of the Amathole Regional Economic Development Strategy;
5. Sign a Growth and Development Agreement with all key stakeholders.

1.2 VISION

The vision of the parties to this Growth and Development Agreement is to eradicate poverty and ensure holistic and sustainable human development in the district through:

- stimulating the economy so that sustainable and quality jobs are retained and created; and
- enhancing capacity of the municipalities and their partners to ensure improved and sustained service delivery

1.3 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The parties to this agreement commit to:

1. Principles contained in the growth and development vision.
2. Programmes and activities giving effect to the growth and development vision.
3. Developing working partnerships with other parties to this agreement for the implementation of the growth and development vision.
4. Strengthen and utilise the IDP as a socio-economic planning tool for the district.

1.4 FOCUS OF THE AGREEMENT

The parties agree that for growth and development to take place in Amathole District, there are four focal areas that should be elevated and prioritised. These four areas are based on the conclusions of the socio economic profile of the district, and the identified priorities and potentials:

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1. Growth and diversification of the urban economy
2. Development of the rural economy and strengthening of linkages between rural and urban economy
3. Service delivery and human capital development
4. Improved governance and stakeholder coordination

1.5 STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT

- 1.5.1 This agreement will address these areas where commitments have already been made by development partners. However, what is not addressed in this agreement and where further engagement with national government, other agencies or institutions is necessary, will be addressed through the IDP and the Amathole Regional Economic Development Strategy (AREDS).
- 1.5.2 This agreement is an accord between multiple parties, capturing the intent to work together and undertake multiple actions, each party within its mandate and to the best of its ability, to achieve the objective of halving unemployment in the district by 2014. While the agreement may have limited legal enforcement, the parties undertake to meet their obligations, failing which they will answer to the people of the district, especially the poor.

2 GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE URBAN ECONOMY

2.1 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1.1 In order to address strategies to diversify manufacturing and industrial development, provincial government commit to completing the Industrial Development Strategy and resource its implementation in the district by the end of 2007.
- 2.1.2 The Amathole District Municipality (ADM) commits to complete the Amathole Regional Economic Development Strategy in line with this agreement and other provincial and national initiatives by the end of 2007. The strategy must contain a plan for implementation in collaboration with public and private sector partners.
- 2.1.3 The East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) in collaboration with ADM, Buffalo City Municipality (BCM), Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism (DEAET) and organised business commit to strengthening the automotive cluster centred at the ELIDZ by the end of 2008. This cluster should be linked to a supplier park initiative for local suppliers to the automotive industry
- 2.1.4 ELIDZ in collaboration with ADM, BCM and DEAET commit to engage Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to investigate, design and create incentives for attracting investors to the ELIDZ.
- 2.1.5 ECDC, ELIDZ, Amathole Development Agency (AEDA) and Buffalo City Municipality (BCM) commit to coordinate their investment strategies for the district to ensure that their efforts have the maximum effect.
- 2.1.6 These agencies, in collaboration with ADM and provincial government commit to a programme of 'red tape reduction' to enable investment by private sector in the District.
- 2.1.7 Department of Agriculture (DOA) commit to facilitate the establishment of a bio-diesel refinery at the ELIDZ. DOA will complete a business plan by February 2008.

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2.2 EAST LONDON PORT EXPANSION

- 2.2.1 All parties recognise that attraction of new investment and retention of existing companies, most notably automotive sector Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), rely on expansion of the East London port. The ADM commits to champion the East London Port expansion and ensure that this is given top priority in the development of the district. There are already significant investments in sectors that will rely on the capacity of the port.
- 2.2.2 DEAET in collaboration with ADM, BCM, organised labour and organised business commit to further engage national government and its agencies for expansion of the East London port.
- 2.2.3 Private sector commit to exploring opportunities for a public private partnership with government agencies for the expansion of the Port.

2.3 IMPROVING SPATIAL LINKAGES – ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT

- 2.3.1 The Kei Development Corridor is a provincial flagship project that includes the Kei Rail, infrastructure development, targeted sector development, strategic for market access, natural resource development. Department of Roads and Transport (DORT) commit to make an investment of R334m for the Kei Rail project. This amount is spent jointly between OR Tambo and Amathole.
- 2.3.2 The DORT commits to spend the allocated R1.1bn in the current MTEF to road and rail infrastructure in the Amathole District area. Commitments include revitalising the East London – Alice railway link.
- 2.3.3 DORT further commits to spending R 288 million on recurrent and routine maintenance, including the Vukuzakhe labour-intensive road maintenance programme.
- 2.3.4 DORT commits to ensuring the R72 road between East London and Port Elizabeth is upgraded by the end of 2008.
- 2.3.5 DORT, AEDA, ADM, Transnet and local municipalities commit to partner in the formulation, resourcing and implementation of a district transport and access strategy by 2010.
- 2.3.6 ADM and local municipalities commit to preparing and implementing a public transport strategy and review of the potential for alternative transport technologies.
- 2.3.7 ADM and DORT commit to engage national government, Transnet and Spoornet for the upgrading of the East London – Gauteng rail link.
- 2.3.8 Department of Public Works (DOPW) commits to invest R64m in repairs and renovations of the Bhisho Airport. DORT commits to make the functioning of the airport a priority.
- 2.3.9 Nkonkobe Municipality commits to the installation of storm water drainage system in all its municipal towns due to flooding problems, with a budget of R4,3 million through MIG.
- 2.3.10 Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) commits to support rural infrastructure development through grants and loans.

2.4 BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION

- 2.4.1 The parties recognise that the district has experienced extensive decline in several sectors, but most notably in manufacturing, and that intervention will be

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needed if the trend is to be reversed. To this, ADM, ECDC and DEAET commit to the following:

- 2.4.2 Completing the business survey of the district, and developing a programme to address the concerns of business as raised in the survey.
- 2.4.3 Collaborating, and in partnership with organized business, on the development, resourcing and implementation of a competitiveness strategy for key sectors under threat.
- 2.4.4 Researching and developing a strategy for non-tariff incentives and measures to improve the competitiveness of the area.

2.5 TRADE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

- 2.5.1 DTI, DEAET, ECDC and ADM commit to exploring potential for establishing a business process outsourcing (BPO) facility in the District.

3 DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ECONOMY AND STRENGTHENING OF LINKAGES BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN ECONOMY

3.1 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1.1 DOA commits to investing R52m on infrastructure in the Amathole District in the current MTEF period. The allocation rises from R16m in 06/07 to R18.5m in 07/08 and then down to R17.5m in 08/09 and is targeted largely at irrigation systems (R38m), fencing, storage and shearing sheds, tunnels, dip-tanks, and soil conservation works (R14m).
- 3.1.2 DOA commits to developing 3313 ha under the Massive Food Production Scheme, with a budget of R11.6m. R7,8m has been allocated for the Siyazonidla Homestead Food production in the district in the 2007/2008 financial year.
- 3.1.3 DOA commits R7,4m for the revitalization of 3 major irrigation schemes at Keiskamma, Zanyokwe, and Tyhefu.
- 3.1.4 DOA commits to improve human resource and material capacity of extension workers to respond to the agricultural needs and potential of the district.
- 3.1.5 DOA and Da Gama Textiles commit to a partnership for the production of cotton in the Amathole District.
- 3.1.6 DOA commits R1m for the construction of a nursery for the production of macademia nuts in partnership with the private sector.
- 3.1.7 All parties commit to encourage young people and women to take up agriculture as a source of livelihood through awareness programmes, capacity building, exposure visits and incentives. DOA has set aside R1m for youth development for both in-school and out of school youth.
- 3.1.8 ADM, local municipalities and DOA commit to promoting co-operative development as a model in agricultural economic development with special emphasis on women, youth and people with disabilities.
- 3.1.9 DOA commits R5m for on-farm infrastructural development as a post-farmer settlement support grant in the 2007/2008 financial year.
- 3.1.10 Uvimba and Mafisa commit to improving access to finance for emerging farmers.
- 3.1.11 University of Fort Hare (UFH) in collaboration with ADM, DOA, DEAET and Department of Education (DOE) commit to piloting the Agri-Park concept in 2008, in the district and the province to provide nutritious food to schools, hospitals and other public facilities.

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- 3.1.12 The parties to this agreement, under the leadership of ADM, commit to develop models for exploiting the entire value chain of agricultural production.
- 3.1.13 Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), DOA and the Department of Land Affairs through Nkonkobe Economic Development Agency commit R17m for citrus resuscitation in the Alice Upper Kat river valley. The ADM commits to the establishment of a packing shed for packaging for export markets.
- 3.1.14 ECDC commits to expand essential oil industry, expand the charcoal industry in the district utilising alien vegetation, establish a blueberry industry and explore bio-fuels and maize in the 2007/2008 financial year.

3.2 FORESTRY AND TIMBER

- 3.2.1 As part of the ASGI-SA forestry initiative, Department of Water and Forestry Affairs (DWAF) commits to facilitate planting of 10.000ha of new commercial forest.
- 3.2.2 ADM, Local Municipalities, organised labour, organised business and community organisations commit to developing appropriate models for equitable involvement of communities in forestry opportunities. Lessons from the Cata Community Trust land claim should be scaled up.
- 3.2.3 ADM, DWAF and the Border Rural Committee commit to exploring the possibilities of commercial production and use of wattle in areas such as Keiskammahoek.
- 3.2.4 All parties commit to develop models for the entire value chain in timber industries to benefit local communities.
- 3.2.5 Amahlathi, Mquma and Mhashe municipalities commit to forge partnerships with the Forestry Industry Education and Training Authority and private sector to ensure that youth are trained in the timber, wood and forestry Industries. These trained youth should be assisted to establish their own enterprises and cooperatives across value chain in the timber, wood and forestry Industries
- 3.2.6 DWAF, in collaboration with the forestry sector and ADM commit to develop a joint fire management strategy to minimise fire damage in and around the Amathole area by the end of 2007.
- 3.2.7 Amathole Timber Holdings (Pty) Ltd (ATH) and its subsidiary companies, Amathole Forestry Co (Pty) Ltd and Rance Timber commit themselves to the fullest development of the forest and forest processing industry in the Amathole District. All timber will be processed locally by businesses which are owned and managed by local people in ADM area, provided that the district municipality and government commit themselves to improve and upgrade the road infrastructure serving the forest industry and the fire prevention capacity and awareness in the forest industry region.

3.3 LAND REFORM AND LAND USE

- 3.3.1 All government landowners, including provincial and national departments, parastatals and agencies commit to making available to AEDA databases of land and properties owned by them, and commit to the information being made available to the public through the internet. AEDA will commence the database development by the end of 2007.
- 3.3.2 The ADM and local municipalities commit to engage the Department of Land Affairs (DLA) and Regional Land Claims Commission to speedily resolve land claims in urban and rural areas.

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- 3.3.3 The DLA commits to conduct workshops on the Communal Land Rights Act and assist with the interim implementation thereof in the affected LM's.
- 3.3.4 The ADM and local municipalities commit to support existing community trusts and ensure that their rights are respected and exercised.
- 3.3.5 The ADM and all local municipalities commit to developing a land ownership database for the district and ensure release of already identified land owned by national government. All public landowners commit to align their land use planning with the spatial and development frameworks of the local and district municipalities.
- 3.3.6 ADM, the local municipalities, provincial and national government commit to release unutilized government land for productive purposes from 2008.
- 3.3.7 All parties commit to proper land use planning and participation in the development of municipal land use management plans.
- 3.3.8 Department of Land Affairs commits to enter into negotiations with the University of Fort Hare for the reopening of the land use planning and surveying faculty.
- 3.3.9 Department of Housing, Local Government and Traditional Affairs (DHLGTA) commits to support municipalities with implementing land use planning, management and land care programmes in the district that seek to preserve the natural wealth of the land.

3.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SMALL TOWNS

- 3.4.1 ECDC commits to continue its low rental policy in small towns, as well as advertising the policy to attract investment.
- 3.4.2 ADM commits to develop a strategy for the economic development of small towns in the district. DEAET commit to engage DTI for access to small town incentives under the draft Regional Industrial Developing Strategy.
- 3.4.3 Provincial government and national government commit to release buildings, plant and other assets for productive purposes to the private sector and municipalities. This commitment is not limited to small towns only.
- 3.4.4 Organised business commit to extending their networks to traders in small towns to enhance the contribution from these traders to the economy of the towns.
- 3.4.5 ADM commits to explore provision of incentives for business in small towns. The criteria for incentives should be creation and retention of jobs and reinvestment of profits.

3.5 MARINE AND AQUACULTURE

- 3.5.1 ADM in collaboration with DEAT and Amathole Water Board commit to developing a plan for exploiting the potential of marine and aqua resources by facilitating access to marine rights and resources for people within the district by the end of 2007. This will be done through research and analysis of potential economic opportunities across the commercial, subsistence and recreational fisheries and aquaculture production.
- 3.5.2 University of Fort Hare commits to exploring the potential for Aquaculture production in the district, in collaboration with ADM and its agencies. Pilot sites include the Amalinda, Rooikrans and Maiden Dams.

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- 3.6.1 ADM commits to completing the district Tourism Master Plan for the district by end of July 2007. This plan will include a tourism spatial strategy, infrastructure development strategy, product development strategy, marketing strategy, implementation plan and outline institutional arrangements to drive delivery.
- 3.6.2 ADM and DEAET commit to develop a spatial environmental management strategy to protect the natural tourism assets of the district and to ensure public access to public environmental assets.
- 3.6.3 Great Kei Municipality commit to establishing information centres in Chintsa, Kei Mouth and Komga. Great Kei further commit to establish cultural villages in Sotho and Kwelera.
- 3.6.4 Eastern Cape Tourism Board commits to collaborate with ADM to promote tourism and support the branding of ADM as a tourist destination.

3.7 CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND FILM INDUSTRY

- 3.7.1 ADM commits to complete a district film development strategy by end of June 2007.
- 3.7.2 ADM commits to engage for private and public funding to establish a craft market in East London for the district by the end of 2008.

3.8 COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

- 3.8.1 All Municipalities and organised cooperatives commit to finalising a cooperative development and support strategy aligned to the emerging provincial cooperative development strategy through a participatory process.
- 3.8.2 Walter Sisulu University (WSU) and University of Fort Hare (UFH) commit to provide research training on cooperative development in the district.
- 3.8.3 The parties commit to promoting cooperatives as a form of enterprise in the district and commit to procure goods and services from cooperatives where possible. Cooperatives should be promoted across the value chain and provide an opportunity for direct worker and community benefit from beneficiation.
- 3.8.4 ADM and Afesis-Corplan commit to exploring possibilities for promoting and implementing a cooperative housing model, building on experiences from the Amalinda Housing Coop project.

3.9 SMME DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

- 3.9.1 Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) commits to strengthen and adequately resource the district Enterprise Information Centres to provide advice and support services to SMME's.
- 3.9.2 Umsobomvu Youth Fund commits to establish youth advisory centres in the remaining municipalities.
- 3.9.3 The parties to this agreement commit to implementing the national LED guidelines.
- 3.9.4 Development finance and enterprise support agencies such as ECDC, Uvimba, SEDA, Umsobomvu, DTI Tourism Enterprise Programme, DBSA and the IDC commit to provide tailor-made products and services that meet specific needs of different segments of business.
- 3.9.5 ADM in collaboration with Thina Sinako commit to engage banks to provide development finance to promote SMME development in the district.

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- 3.9.6 ECDC commit to ensuring that development finance and business development services are available for survivalist segments of business and township businesses.
- 3.9.7 DHLGTA in partnership with Thina Sinako commit to explore the piloting of the concept of village economies and entrepreneurs by 2008.

3.10 EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

- 3.10.1 The municipalities, Provincial and national government commit to implementing the labour-intensive Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in rolling out the priority projects and programmes in this agreement.
- 3.10.2 The ADM commits to develop a coordinated EPWP programme by the end of 2007.
- 3.10.3 All parties commit to intensify skills development and skills transfers within the EPWP. Women and young people should be targeted for the EPWP.
- 3.10.4 All infrastructure development and other development programmes must be implemented in a way that maximises job retention and creation, especially enabling the vulnerable groups to receive benefit.
- 3.10.5 All government departments within Amathole, Umsobomvu Youth Fund, Eastern Cape Youth Commission, ADM and local municipalities commit to target a minimum of 500 youth for enrolment annually in the EPWP and National Youth Service Programme starting in 2007.

3.11 LOCAL PROCUREMENT AND BBBEE

- 3.11.1 All parties of this agreement commit to procuring goods and services from suppliers within the Amathole District whenever possible.
- 3.11.2 The municipalities supported by the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury will develop and implement a supply chain management and procurement policy that targets local contractors and suppliers by July 2007.
- 3.11.3 The parties commit to the national economic empowerment sector charters targets and commit to adhere to the principles of Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE).

4 SERVICES DELIVERY AND HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

4.1 WATER AND SANITATION

- 4.1.1 ADM commit R500m for the eradication of water and sanitation backlogs in the 2007/2008-2009/2010 MTEF. However, the total cost of eradicating backlogs in the district is R1.6bn for the 2007/2008-2009/2010 MTEF.
- 4.1.2 The ADM and DHLGTA commit to engage for the shortfall of R1.1bn to meet the PGDP targets of eradicating water backlogs by 2008 and sanitation by 2010.
- 4.1.3 ADM commits to implement the Great Kei Basin Scheme for self sustainable water supply through cross subsidisation. The scheme covers Great Kei municipality inclusive of Kwelera, Mooiplaas, east coast areas and Toleni Villages in Mquma Municipality.
- 4.1.4 The ADM and DWAF commit to research, pilot and implement innovative and sustainable ways of providing water and sanitation within the district.
- 4.1.5 The ADM commits to use, where feasible, commercial, NGO and community partnerships to build and operate water and sanitation facilities in the district.

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- 4.1.6 All partners commit to use Expanded Public Works principles in the implementation of water and sanitation projects and put in place appropriate monitoring and evaluation systems.

4.2 ENERGY

- 4.2.1 ESKOM commits to building four (4) new substations in the district in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 . These will be built close to the towns of Elliotdale, Willowvale, Centane and Tsomo.
- 4.2.2 Department of Minerals and Energy (DME) and ESKOM commit to the electrification of 53 700 households in the Amathole District by 2012. The households will be connected at an estimated cost of over R408 million. DME and ESKOM further commit to align electricity delivery plans with ADM and local municipal IDPs.
- 4.2.3 DME, ADM and AEDA commit to engage ESKOM and other Agencies to explore the use of alternative energy sources in the district and establishment of a technical development section.
- 4.2.4 All partners commit to a development approach that balances economic growth with sustainable and environmental concerns.

4.3 HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

- 4.3.1 The DHLGTA commits itself to make budget provision to address housing backlogs. DHLGTA will spend R166m to build 7504 houses in Adelaide, Dongwe, Needscamp, Prudoe, Teko Springs, Butterworth, Idutywa, Kati-kati, Kentani, Masincedane, Peddie, Seymour and Stutterheim in the 2007/2008 financial year.
- 4.3.2 The DHLGTA commits to provide adequate support to municipalities, as per the Housing Act.
- 4.3.3 The DHLGTA commits to provide support for the accreditation of at least one municipality as a housing authority by 2008.
- 4.3.4 The ADM in conjunction with DHLGTA commit to preparing a sustainable human settlement sector plan by March 2008. The sector plan should include environmentally friendly and sustainable approaches.
- 4.3.5 The ADM commits to investigate and analyse the construction supply chain with a view of providing an enabling environment for the local production and delivery of building materials by July 2008.
- 4.3.6 The Youth Commission in collaboration with DPW, Construction Industry Development Programme (CIDP) commits to support young people in identifying niche markets and developing programmes to support youth enterprises and cooperatives.
- 4.3.7 All partners commit to the implementation of the Breaking New Ground policy and the necessary integrated planning.
- 4.3.8 ADM commits to forge partnership with Afesis-Corplan to explore possibilities of strengthening the People Housing Process in the district.

4.4 EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- 4.4.1 All parties in this agreement commit to the 2014 targets set in the PGDP, particularly pertaining to early childhood development, adult basic education and training, general education and training.

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- 4.4.2 All parties commit to identify skills needed for growth and development across the priority sectors in the district. Further, to establish a high level District Skills and Education Advisory Forum with a focus on skills retention, addressing supply and demand mismatches and priority skills acquisition.
- 4.4.3 All parties commit to develop and implement a skills development plan for the district by 2008 linked to the Provincial Skills Development Plan, JIPSA and National Skills Development Strategy 2.
- 4.4.4 All parties commit to facilitating learnerships in the identified sectors within one year of the Summit and increase investment within public and private sector in apprenticeships, internships, and skills programmes. ADM commits to implement Water Purification Process Operator learnerships (NQF 2), wastewater process operations (NQF 2) and municipal finance and administration learnerships (NQF 4) during the current year.
- 4.4.5 Institutions of higher learning commit to entering into partnership with private and public sector to introduce learnerships and internship for the unemployed in the district.
- 4.4.6 SETAs, government departments based in the district, ADM, and all its Local municipalities commit to increase annual enrolment of youth into learnerships and identify clear exit opportunities for employment and self-employment.
- 4.4.7 Higher Education institutions commit to increasing access to higher education for the disadvantaged through programmes that ease the transition from school to university and create articulation between FET college and university programmes.
- 4.4.8 The National Skills Fund, through Department of Labour and Office of the Premier (OTP) commit to making available R60m to be allocated amongst the 6 district municipalities in the province for training programs related to agriculture, tourism, manufacturing and infrastructure.
- 4.4.9 OTP commits to commencing a high impact priority project on skills development in the district with a focus on manufacturing, construction and tourism in 2007.
- 4.4.10 The higher education sector commits to provide education and training in the identified priority areas.
- 4.4.11 The higher education sector commits to provide relevant research services to assist business and local government.
- 4.4.12 ADM and all municipalities commit to spend the budgets available for skills development

4.5 HIV and AIDS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- 4.5.1 All parties commit to integrating and mainstreaming HIV and AIDS, STIs and TB in all development programs.
- 4.5.2 All parties commit to developing a district multisectoral plan for HIV and AIDS, STIs and TB and integrate its goals, objectives and targets into the IDP from 2007, with dedicated budgets. This plan should be aligned to the provincial multisectoral HIV and AIDS plan. The focus of the plan should be appropriate and effective prevention messages, acceleration of access to treatment, care and support through a free and accessible public health and social security system. The local and district AIDS Councils will be strengthened to drive this plan.
- 4.5.3 All parties commit to implementing workplace programs, and extend these into the community where the employees live.

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4.6 SAFETY AND SECURITY

- 4.6.1 ADM commits to review its district community safety plan and align it with the provincial crime prevention strategy.
- 4.6.2 The Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) commits to building capacity of Community Policing Forums in the district. A marked improvement must be seen by the end of 2008.
- 4.6.3 Municipalities, civil society and business commit to engage SAPS to increase the visibility, capacity, accessibility and effectiveness of SAPS personnel within the Amathole District.
- 4.6.4 All municipalities commit to developing and strengthening disaster risk management and mainstreaming disaster risk assessment into strategic development programmes.
- 4.6.5 All parties commit to participate in Disaster Management Forums
- 4.6.6 DSL commits to establish satellite offices in the rural parts of the district by the end of 2008.

4.7 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 4.7.1 Department of Social Development, in collaboration with ADM and community organisations commit to coordinate the process towards the standardisation and implementation of regulations for the use of volunteers in all sectors, particularly health and social development sectors in all municipalities.
- 4.7.2 Student Partnerships Worldwide commit to handing over functioning Youth Development Centres to the municipalities. Municipalities in turn commit to resource and support these centres. The Mooiplaas Youth Centre will be opened on 21st March 2007.
- 4.7.3 ADM and the local municipalities commit to making official information available in appropriate languages and utilise community media as communication channels.

5 IMPROVED GOVERNANCE AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

5.1 ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

- 5.1.1 All municipalities commit to improve registration of businesses operating in the district and ensure collection of taxes and levies through use of local government by-laws.
- 5.1.2 All municipalities commit to consolidate and building their capacity to be responsive to the requirements of business towards business growth and expansion.
- 5.1.3 The ADM commits to establishing a district economic advisory forum to engage with organised business, large industry players, organised labour, and civil society structures (including youth, women, disabled) by 2008.
- 5.1.4 Organised business, organised tourism and organised agriculture commit to expanding their business affiliation networks to all sectors in business, resulting in the alignment of business structures along the municipal boundaries.
- 5.1.5 All parties commit to adhere to minimum wages and basic labour legislation. The parties to this agreement also commit to promoting organisation of workers in all sectors of the economy and delivery of services.
- 5.1.6 All parties to this agreement commit to the principles of Batho Pele and zero-tolerance on corruption, characterised by the desire to provide quality services.

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5.2 IDP ALIGNMENT AND STRENGTHENING

- 5.2.1 All the parties in this agreement commit to:
 - 5.2.1.1 Strengthening the district and local municipality IDPs on the basis of this agreement and participate in the IDP review.
 - 5.2.1.2 Provide the information necessary to plan for all programs and projects identified in this agreement in respect of the spheres of government and engaging meaningfully in the Inter Governmental Relations (IGR) structures.
 - 5.2.1.3 Strengthening public participation in all matters of municipal planning and governance through training of ward councillors and officials and strengthening community capacity.
- 5.2.2 Provincial and national government commit to participating in the IDP review and development at district and local level. Provincial government commits to provide hands on support and ensure that officials with authority to make decisions participate in the IDP and IGR processes.
- 5.2.3 ADM commits to give effect to mainstreaming and improve the targeting of historically disadvantaged sectors such as youth, women and disabled people.

5.3 ADDRESSING HUMAN RESOURCE CHALLENGES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

- 5.3.1 In order to accelerate the rate of growth and quality of public service, DHLGTA and the municipalities commit to implementing the following actions within one year of the summit:
 - 5.3.1.1 Fill section 57 posts and all critical posts in the district municipality and all local municipalities by end of 2007.
 - 5.3.1.2 Review municipal organograms in line with powers and functions and objectives of this agreement.
 - 5.3.1.3 Develop and implement workplace skills plans in all local municipalities by June 2007
 - 5.3.1.4 In collaboration with SALGA, the national Department of Local Government, the Local Government SETA, Institutions of Higher Learning and organised labour develop and implement programmes that address the restricted institutional capacity in planning, project management, procurement processes and supply chain management. A coherent programme must be in place from the start of 2008.

5.4 MUNICIPAL SUPPORT

- 5.4.1 National and provincial government commit to recognise the coordinating and facilitation role of ADM in the provision of support to Local municipalities to position them as capable drivers of economic development.

6 POST SUMMIT PROCESS

6.1 POST SUMMIT PROCESS MANAGEMENT

- 6.1.1 Coordination and monitoring of the implementation of this agreement will be done by the IDP Representative Forum. All Stakeholders commit to actively participate in the strengthened and expanded IDP Representative Forum, chaired by the Executive Mayor of the District. The forum will meet every three months, and the

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district municipality will assume responsibility for coordinating and championing this forum. The forum will establish the necessary working groups.

- 6.1.2 The first meeting of the committee should be held before the end of April 2007 and the ADM should table an implementation plan.
- 6.1.3 The DGDS should be a standing agenda item in the District Mayors Forum (DIMAFO).
- 6.1.4 The DGDS should be a standing agenda item in the District Inter Governmental Relations Forum and these arrangements should be replicated in the Local Municipalities.
- 6.1.5 The provincial government commits to ensuring that the outcomes of the DGDS are included in the review of the Provincial Growth and Development Plan in 2007.
- 6.1.6 OTP, DHLGTA and Provincial Treasury commit to convene a meeting between all district municipalities and the metro to interrogate the Gazetted funds committed to growth and development in the municipalities and finalise an implementation process for all DGDS agreements by May 2007.

6.2 POST SUMMIT COMMITMENTS

- 6.2.1 All parties commit to:
 - 6.2.1.1 Integrate the vision, principles and commitment contained in this agreement into strategic and operations planning at all levels.
 - 6.2.1.2 Participate in the forums and structures required for the successful implementation of the District Growth and Development Summit Agreement.
 - 6.2.1.3 Participate in the monitoring, reporting and evaluation processes of the District Growth and Development Summit Agreement.
 - 6.2.1.4 Make available the resources necessary to implement this District Growth and Development Summit Agreement.

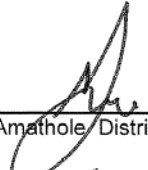
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7. Signatories to Agreement

We, the undersigned, hereby commit to this agreement.

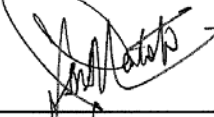
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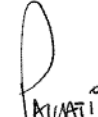

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