

# MINISTER LAUNCHES DIGITAL IMPACT TOUR

Minister of Human Settlements, Lindiwe Sisulu together with the Slum Dwellers International (SDI) yesterday launched the Digital Impact Tour Africa in Langa, Cape Town.

The objective of the Digital Impact Tour which has been undertaken in several cities around the world like Brussels, London and New York is to explore the implications of the digital age for global civil society and apply the knowledge to use digital resources safely, ethically and effectively.

The process involves a community-driven data collection in collaborative planning in which the poor are partners in the urban planning and upgrading.

“ We want to promote the culture of communities being involved in the planning and development of their settlements, and starting with the data collection owned and provided by the communities themselves, is a step in the right direction. ” said Minister Sisulu.

“We will use our partnership with (SDI) to provide necessary resources for the collection of data in communities to ensure correct and effective services.” added Minister Sisulu. “I would also like to further invite the SDI to participate in the upcoming African Ministers of Housing Conference, as this is the kind of information we need to plan better”.

The event, attended by about 150 people representing slum dweller social movements, civil society, funders, academics, city, provincial and national government, and the private sector explored the possibilities and responsibilities for using digital data to inform inclusive urban development policy and practice.

Rose Molokoane, coordinator of SDI network, said the communities must be organised in order to attract adequate partners, like government and private sector.

“We need to stress the creation partnerships in dealing with issues in a humanly way to avoid confrontations and protests”, added Ms. Molokoane.



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## HUMAN SETTLEMENTS HANDS OVER TITLE DEEDS IN DELFT

On the 16th of September 2017, a delegation led by Director - General of the national Department of Human Settlements, Mr Mbulelo Tshangana, the CEO of the Housing Development Agency (HDA), Mr Pascal Molo, and Head of the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements, Mr. Thando Mguli, addressed members of the Delft community at Delft Technical High School and handed over a total of **71 title deeds**

“We have managed to build over 16 000 units in the N2 Gateway. What it means is that we have to deliver 16 000 title deeds to the beneficiaries of these units. We’ve already delivered a lot of those title deeds but still have 2000 outstanding,” said Tshangana.

Addressing the issue of the illegal resale of houses, Tshangana emphasised that this is prohibited and that, when a beneficiary wants to move to another area, they must inform the provincial Department of Human Settlements of their intention.

“The challenge we are faced with is that some people have moved on. Some people have sold their houses illegally so when we issue the title deed we don’t find the beneficiary because they have moved on.”

“We’ve seen instances where houses have been sold illegally to both locals and internationals. You can lease it. You can rent it to someone, but you cannot sell it because it’s not allowed to sell it. There’s nothing wrong with leasing your house to generate an income but you can’t sell it. If you’ve been given a house and you want to move somewhere else and you don’t know what to do about your house, the first right of refusal must be given to the Province,” said Tshangana.

After addresses from the respective principals, the title deeds were handed over to the beneficiaries in attendance with much fanfare and excitement from the beneficiaries and the audience alike.



Ms Nozolile Qoboza with her title deed



Mr. Phila Gxiva, who moved into his new Delft house from Langa in December 2016 with his aged mother expressed his excitement about the receipt of his title deeds.

“ I’m very excited because I can now say that I own a house. I’m very grateful to the HDA for what they have done, ” said Gxiva.

Another recipient, Nozolile Qoboza, 61, who is visually impaired, was visibly excited about her new title deeds. She was relocated to Delft on 8 December 2016 from KwaNtombiyami.

“Even when I am gone, I will leave an inheritance for my three children. I do not want them to sell my house because it should be an inheritance for my grand-children and great grandchildren. I thank the government for the work they have done,” said Ms. Qoboza.

To find out more about the HDA, or for more information about any article in this newsletter, Contact the HDA on 021 481 2900 or visit the office at 129 Bree Street, Cape Town.

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## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Emergencies:

When a life or property is threatened:	107 from a (landline) OR 021 480 7700 (cell phone)
Fire Department (General information):	021 590 1900
The Housing Development Agency Helpdesk:	021 481 2900
City of Cape Town matters:	0860 103 089
Eskom Customer Care:	0860 037 566
Western Cape (WC) Government (general enquiries):	0860 142 142
WC Social Development Hotline:	0800 22 0250

Department of Social Development Disability Programme:	021 483 4015
Master of the High Court (for deceased estates):	021 410 8300
Childline:	0800 55 555 or 021 762 8198
Stop Woman Abuse Hotline:	0800 150 150
Rental Housing Tribunal	0860 106 166
Waiting list database	021 444 0333





# CAPE TOWN EARMARKS LAND FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The City of Cape Town recently announced the soon coming release of land the size of 10 football fields for private sector developers to build affordable homes for thousands of families within 5km of central Cape Town.

The five parcels of council-owned land were unveiled in September by Brett Herron, the City of Cape Town mayoral committee member for transport and urban development.

The land is made up of:

- A 3.3HA SITE ALONG SALT RIVER
- THE 1.84HA WOODSTOCK
- WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL PARK
- ANOTHER 0.84HA SITE IN WOODSTOCK
- A 0.27HA SITE IN THE CITY

“Building inclusive communities through reversing the spatial legacy of apartheid is a key priority of this government,” said Herron.

The development sites are in the Voortrekker Road corridor, one of three “integration zones” that has been identified for investment to “transform Cape Town’s spatial reality”.

“By prioritising dense, transit-oriented growth and development in this integration zone the city seeks to create more inclusive communities with access to job opportunities, affordable housing and public transport.

“We estimate the developments will benefit at least **4000** lower-income households.”

Another three sites have been allocated to social housing institutions and two earmarked for Cape Town’s first inner-city housing project.

Mayor Patricia de Lille said the criteria developers would have to meet would be innovation and design, green technology and long-term financial sustainability.

“We are looking for sustainable, integrated solutions for human settlements,”



## OVER R650M ALLOCATED TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The forum of Minister and MECs of Human Settlements (MINMEC) recently announced their decision to redirect over **R650 million** of the Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG) to the country’s five metropolitan municipalities. This was done in response to what they have identified as rapid urbanisation in the metros.

The five municipalities - Mangaung, Ekurhuleni, City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane and City of Cape Town - will use the grant to develop infrastructure and will also include social housing, student accommodation, upgrading of informal settlements and acquisition of land for human settlements development.

## CONSTANTLY GROWING POPULATIONS IN CITIES

According to Human Settlements Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, metropolitan areas have experienced growing populations over the past few years.

She said that this was due to the perception that there are better economic opportunities in big cities and, ultimately, this leads to increased competition for housing.

“South Africa is facing urbanisation challenges as young people move to cities to seek better economic opportunities. With this financial commitment, we are enabling provinces and metros to respond to these challenges. This will include responding to student accommodation and adequate housing for low income earners,” said Minister Sisulu.

She said that provincial MECs of Human Settlements will work closely with the executive mayors in ensuring that the funds are not used for anything else but allocated to human settlements departments within metros.

## PROJECT UPDATES

JOE SLOVO PHASE 3, LANGA

Overall progress achieved to date across all projects is as follows:

**1356** houses completed and **1356** houses occupied.

1525 houses still to be constructed.

3C – Construction of 98 units. 30 units completed. Handover of units from end of November 2017.

3D - Construction of 210 units. Handover of units from December 2017.

3D - Pylon site - remaining 32 sites serviced

Public meeting scheduled for **28 October 2017** with non-qualifiers at the Langa Sports Complex to inform them about the Forest Village project options. One on one engagement will follow regarding the best option for each non-qualifier.

Joe Slovo Project Steering Committee (PSC) to assist with providing a list of occupants in 3A and 3C that is willing to relocate voluntarily to TRA 6. PSC Adhoc committee meetings held.

251 Temporary Residence (TR) units for approved beneficiaries have been made available in TRA 6 in Delft as temporary accommodation in order to clear the 3C and 3A areas for construction

An additional temporary holding area is under construction next to Jakes Gerwel to assist with the clearing at 3A and 3C and sustain construction. This was completed and occupied at the end of September 2017.

Phase 3C will yield 24 single storey houses. 2 units have been handed over to date.

HDA site office open from Tuesdays to Fridays between 9am and 4pm to assist Joe Slovo beneficiaries with their subsidy application queries.

## BENEFICIARIES

An updated Joe Slovo list is posted at the HDA offices in Cape Town and at HDA site offices to inform beneficiaries of their status. Those with pending cases are requested to come to the HDA site office to bring the outstanding documents for the Provincial Department of Human Settlements (PDHS) to process their applications. Internal relocations have so far been slow due to the non-co-operation of occupants in 3C and 3A.

## UHLAZIYO LOMSEBENZI

JOE SLOVO PHASE 3, LANGA

Inkqubela phambili edibanisa wonke umsebenzi osewenziwe kude kubelelithuba ime ngoluhlobo:

**1356** yezindlu ezigqityiweyo neziyi **1356** esekuhlaliwa kuzo.

1525 yezindlu ezisezakwakiwa.

3C - kulwakhiwo lwezakhiwo eziyi 98. Izakhiwo eziyi 30 zigqityiwe. Kuzakudluliswa izakhiwo ukususela ekupheleni kukaNovemba 2017.

3D - kulwakhiwo lezakhiwo eziyi 210. Kuzakudluliswa izakhiwo kuDisemba 2017.

3D - sayithi yePhayiloni - kwenziwa iinkonzo kwisayithi eziyi 32 ezishiyekileyo

Kukho umhlangano kawonke wonke onge **28 ka Okthobha 2017** nabangalungelanga kuxhamla eLanga Sports Complex ukubazisa ngokhetho lomsebenzi ozobase Forest Village. Kuzobakho uthetha-thethwano labantu ngamnye ngokukhetha okulungele umntu ngamnye kwabangalungelanga kuxhamla.

IJoe Slovo Project Steering Committee (PSC) izoncedisa ngokuzisa uludwe lwabahlali base 3A nase 3C abavolontiyayo ukufunduswa basiwe eTRA 6. Adhoc komiti yePSC ibibambe umhlangano.

Izakhiwo ze TR (Temporal residence) eziyi 251 selezikhona eTRA 6 eDelft zenzelwe abaxhamli abavunyiweyo zenzelwe indawo yokuhlala yethutyana ukwenzela kucocwe indawo yase 3C nase 3A ezilungiselelwa ulwakhiwo.

Kongezwa isakhiwo sethutyana sokugcina kude kufuphi nase Jakes Gerwel ukuncedisa nococa indawo yase 3A nase 3C uncedisana nomsebenzi wokwakha. Lomsebenzi ungqitywe kwahlaliwa ekupheleni kuka Septemba 2017.

Isigaba u3C sizovelisa izakhiwo eziyi 24 ezinomgangatho omnye. Izakhiwo eziyi 11 sezidlulisiwe ukufika kwesithuba.

Iofisi yesayithi yeHDA izovulwa ukusukela ngolwesibini ukuya ngolwesihlanu phakathi ko9-ekuseni no4 wasemalanga ukuncedisa abaxhamli ngemibuzo abanayo malunga neeleta zabo zofumana uncedo.

## BAXHAMLI BONCEDO

Uludwe oluhlaziyiweyo lwase Joe Slovo luxhonywe kwiofisi yeHDA eKapa nakwezinye iiofisi zeesayithi zeHDA ukuncedisana nabaxhamli bazi ukuba umsebenzi umephi. Abo basalindileyo bayacelwa baze kwisayithi yeHDA bazise amaphephe wezigunyaziso asashotayo kwizicelo zabo zephondo kwisebe lentlayo yabantu (Provincial Department of Human settlement PDHS) ngelasemzini ukuze kuqhutye ngezicelo zabo. Ufuduso lwangaphakathi luhamba ngenyawu lonwabu kude kube lelithuba ngenxa yokungasebenzisani kakuhle kubahlali base 3C nabase 3A