

- The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) will work with municipalities to strengthen Local Economic Development offices as they are at the coalface of delivery for township economic development.
- The DSBD and its agencies continue to expand their footprint across the country to ensure that services become accessible to all potential beneficiaries, especially those living in townships and villages.

Become involved

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NINE-POINT PLAN TO GROW THE SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS

Unlocking the potential of small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), cooperatives, township and rural enterprises



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How do you unlock the potential of SMMEs, cooperatives, township and rural enterprises?

- Government policies, programmes and legislation;
- Key levers like infrastructure programmes, public employment programmes, Agricultural Policy Action Plan, Nine-Point Plan, other general government programmes, MinMECs, Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Codes of Good Practice, etc;
- Timely payment of SMMEs and cooperatives by departments;
- Coordination of SMME development initiatives across government departments;
- Alignment of SMME and cooperatives support agencies' strategies;
- SMME and cooperatives support agencies co-located in provincial and district offices; and
- Through public-private partnerships.

In order to unlock the potential of SMMEs and cooperatives, the following five critical areas could play a major role in the promotion and development of the small business sector.

1. Public-sector procurement – increased state procurement from SMMEs and cooperatives.
2. Building market access through supplier development programmes.
3. Access to finance through development finance institutions.
4. Support to township and rural enterprises through business infrastructure.
5. Policy and regulatory environment – red-tape reduction and review of the National Small Business Act, 1996 (Act 102 of 1996).

Helping you to start and grow your business

- R50 million has been allocated for the roll-out of the Shared Economic Infrastructure Facility and support for informal businesses generally.
- Government will use infrastructure in the form of industrial parks and other properties that are owned by the Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA) to further support township and rural enterprises with appropriate infrastructure.



- Government is also prioritising the co-location programme. A number of institutions in government and the private sector offer business development services.
- SMMEs and cooperatives will soon be able to access financial and non-financial support services in one location. Access to business development services by SMMEs and cooperatives will be increased through decentralisation and a co-location approach.