

# LED UPDATE

#3 25 November 2005



Province of the  
EASTERN CAPE



Financed by the  
European Union

A FORTNIGHTLY  
INFORMATION BULLETIN  
OF THE PROVINCIAL LED  
SUPPORT PROGRAMME

## Provincial LED Support Programme Progress

Feedback on some of the issues reported on earlier:

### SMME finance market research

One of the focus areas of the Provincial Local Economic Development (LED) Support Programme is improving access to enterprise finance in the Province, both in the more immediate sense of securing access to finance for enterprises that are part of partnership groups supported by the Programme, and in the longer-term sense of contributing to the transformation of the provincial development finance market. Robert Keith, a specialist appointed by the Programme, has recently completed an SMME finance market analysis to inform the design of the fund interventions by the Programme, as well as the more effective mobilisation of finance for LED and enterprise development in the Province.

A workshop is scheduled to take place on 28 November 2005, at the Osner Hotel, East London between 9am and 1pm, to discuss his findings. Invitations to key stakeholders have already been sent out. The need for attendance by all key stakeholders invited cannot be over-emphasised.

### Inception Report Workshop

The Project Coordination Unit (PCU) hosted an Inception Report Workshop on 23 November 2005 with the Programme Steering Committee (PSC) and other key stakeholders in preparation for its draft inception report. The report will be tabled at the PSC meeting on 6 December 2005. This was an important workshop which afforded all key stakeholders the opportunity to engage the long term team on key issues pertinent to the roll out of the programme. Discussions in the workshop helped shape the long term implementation work plan.

### Programme Steering Committee

The last PSC meeting was held on the 13 September 2005. Both the Interim Project Coordination Unit (IPCU) and the PCU have since been active and are now poised to give feedback and to place key documents before the 6 December PSC meeting for consideration. The IPCU will report on key aspects of its work, including: establishment of the regional offices; placement of PCU members in key provincial institutions; the outcomes of the local government research;

progress on the development finance market analysis and other baseline studies; and key aspects of its networking and coordination activities. The PCU will present two critically important documents: its Inception Report and the First Annual Work Plan for the Programme. The latter document, once approved, will provide the basis for transfer of funds for programme activities in 2006.

As with the Inception Report Workshop, stakeholders will once again be afforded an opportunity to provide final input on the work to be undertaken by the PCU from January 2006.

### Signing of SLAs

The PSC meeting will be followed by the formal signing of a Cooperation Agreement between key provincial institutions in support of the Provincial LED Support Programme and of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with institutions that will be hosting members of the PCU (including its regional office staff).

### Watch out for

A Municipal LED Workshop which will be run jointly with the Department of Housing Local Government and Traditional Affairs. This will discuss the outcomes of the research into the facilitation of LED by municipalities which was conducted by the research unit of the IPCU. In the same workshop, national LED guidelines and practical approaches to LED facilitation will be presented and discussed.

The workshop is scheduled to take place on 5 December 2005, at the Good News Christian Centre, King Williams Town.

We will give you more details and project feedback in the programme's monthly full-colour newsletter *LED in Action*.

#### CONTACT DETAILS:

The Interim Programme Coordination Unit (IPCU)

Tel: (040) 635 1026

Fax: (040) 635 1206

email: led@ecsecc.org

www.ecsecc.org/led

