

**The National Human Settlements Masterclass on Urban  
and Rural Housing Delivery, Affordable Housing  
Strategies and Informal Settlement Upgrading 2013**

*“Access to Decent Accommodation, Improved Quality of Life”*



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## Revised Agenda

### About the Indaba

A growing pressure to build more in urban and rural areas, an increasing population, a reluctance in giving up the “quarter acre dream” and doubts about the effectiveness of releasing more land are just some of the major issues surrounding the nation’s problems in delivering of low cost housing and eradicating of informal settlements: how can we reconcile or resolve these issues?

**The National Human Settlements Masterclass on Urban and Rural Housing Delivery, Affordable Housing Strategies and Informal Settlement Upgrading 2013** doesn’t look purely at the problems but focuses primarily on solutions and ideas on how those problems could be resolved.

### In the Chair

**Dr. Mogie Subban**, Lecturer: School of Public Administration, IT and Governance, University of KwaZulu-Natal

### Day One

**8:30 Registration & Arrival Coffee**

**8:55 Opening Remarks from the Chair**

### 0900 Keynote address:

#### **A Look into South Africa’s Unique Housing Development**

- Governments plan for incremental development and the effects it has on economic development
- Addressing the delay in the housing backlog – delivering sustainable and quality housing
- Reviewing the finance linked individual subsidy programme (FLISP): where are we now?
- Strategies for 2013 – what are the goals for investment and development in this year?

**R.D. Soobeyal, Chief Director: Human Settlements, Department of Human Settlements, Northern Cape Provincial Government**

### **10:00 The Future of Housing Development and Strategy:**

#### **How to Ensure Quality Affordable Housing Delivery in South Africa**

**Norman Robert Cleaver, General Manager, National Urban and Reconstruction Agency - NURCHA**

### **11:00 Morning Tea**

### **11:15 Policies and Programs to Enhance Access to Housing**

- Creating sustainable settlements with access to all amenities in the 21st century
- Importance and impact of all role players
- Steps towards enhancing the capacity to deliver

**Vincent Myeni, Lecturer and Housing Programme Coordinator: School of Architecture, Planning and Housing, University of KwaZulu-Natal**

**12:15 Examining the Key Challenges in Housing Delivery - Financial Literacy**

- Non-availability of land
- Poor planning and lack of capacity within municipalities
- Slow response from the private sector

**Solly Molefe, Executive Director, Setsimol Housing Education and Training**

**13:00 Lunch & Networking**

**14:00 Addressing the Backlog in Housing and the Provision of Land – what can government and private sector do to close the gap:**

**The Role of Institutional Investors in the Provision of Housing in South Africa**

- Re-looking government's activities so far to close the gap – what has worked?
- Adapting current strategies to further address the housing need
- How private sector can increase profit margins and value by utilizing government incentives
- Identifying land sites for development – how the incremental development program can benefit both private and government parties

**Rob Wesselo, Managing Partner, International Housing Solutions**

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**Peter Ahmad, Assistant Director: City Transformation, Department of Development Planning, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality**

**16:00 Keynote Address:**

**Professionalisation of Human Settlements Practitioners to Enhance Housing Delivery in South Africa**

- Purpose for the professionalisation of Human Settlements' practitioners
- Improving service delivery through formal education
- Code of Conduct for professional practice and the establishment of a professional body that will facilitate and manage professional practice in the Human Settlements sector
- Best practice: case studies

**Monwabisi Maclean, Chief Director: Capacity Development, National Department of Human Settlements**

**1700 End of Day One**

**Day Two**

**8:30 Arrival Coffee & Registration**

**8:55 Opening Remarks from the Chair**

**9:00 Opening Keynote:**

**The Role of legislatures in the Provision of Housing services**

**Hon. Mtholephi Emmanuel Mthimkhulu: Deputy Speaker: KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature**

**10:00 Rationale and Challenges in Delivering Affordable Housing in South Africa**

**Mzwandile Sokupa, Manager: Informal Settlements, City of Cape Town**

**11:00 Morning Tea**

**11:15 Acquiring and Making Land Available for Housing Developments**

- Reviewing the enhanced framework for the Release of State Land for Human Settlement
- Identifying, acquiring and making available both private and public land for housing developments is a vital component of ensuring housing is available to all
- Financing land acquisition - government and Development Bank financing

**Walter Melato, Director: Project Implementation and Monitoring, Department of Housing, City of Johannesburg**

**12:15 Addressing the Issues Surrounding Mortgage Insurance for the Lower-Income Group Through Clearly Defined Strategies**

- A look at the Mortgage Default Insurance (MDI) fund creating access to housing and mortgage financing for working class and lower-income families
- Looking at the medium term- how to develop risk management, audit and monitoring process as well as sign an agreement with major lenders
- Early preliminary testing of the Mortgage Default Insurance (MDI) fund
- Access to compliant mortgage

**Pierre Venter, General Manager: Human Settlement, Banking Association of South Africa**

**13:00 Lunch & Networking**

**14:00 Keynote Address:**

**Building Stronger and Durable Low-Cost Houses:**

**The Pivotal Role of Cement and Concrete in the Delivery of Sustainable Housing in South Africa**

**Prof Herbert C. Uzoegbo, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of the Witwatersrand**

**15:00 Enabling Successful Project Delivery - Developing Clear Policy Frameworks for Major Stakeholders and Enforcing Compliance**

- Increasing project success and releasing of sites through clearly defined policy frameworks, roles and responsibilities of all role players
- Minimizing confusion and breakdown in delivery through the implementation of coherent housing strategies
- Identifying exclusions of rural housing needs in policy implementation

**Landiwe Mahlangu, Chairman, Municipal Demarcation Board**

**1600 End of Day Two**

**Day Three**

**8:30 Arrival Coffee & Registration**

**8:55 Opening Remarks from the Chair**

**09:00 Keynote Address:**

**Regulating the Home Building Industry:**

**Impact and Role of the NHBRC in the Creation of Integrated Sustainable Communities**

- Vision of National Department of Human Settlement
- Case for regulation  
Benefits of regulating the home building industry
- Compliance to Act
- Recognition by financial institutions as an accredited home builder
- Access to NHBRC mediation services
- Access to NHBRC training and other building resources

**Dr. Jeffrey Mahachi, Advisor: Special Projects, National Home Builders Registration Council - NHBRC**

**10:30 Morning Tea**

**10:45 Interactive Session**

**Breakthrough Strategies for Addressing Housing Backlogs in South Africa:**

**The keys to addressing the housing backlogs**

- Programmes and incentives that will drive the maintenance, upgrading and construction of housing healthcare infrastructure within the country
- Managing funding and administration constraints in housing
- Strategies to promote and maximize the role of public-private partnerships to speed up housing delivery
- Provision of low-cost housing and accessible, well-maintained public facilities
- Can a state-owned construction firm be the solution?

**Nkululeko Molaba, Executive Director, Research and Development, HTI-Solution**

**12:00 End of Day Three**