



## CIRCULAR NO 6 OF 2021

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TO: **ALL MUNICIPAL MANAGERS**  
**ALL HEADS OF PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

## ALIGNMENT OF THE ONE PLANS OF METROS AND DISTRICTS WITH THE 5-YEAR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS (IDPS)

### PURPOSE OF THE CIRCULAR

1. The purpose of this Circular is to:
  - Outline the process to align the One Plans of metro and districts with the next generation (5-year) Integrated Development Plans (IDPs);
  - Advise municipal councils to endorse the One Plans as the Long-Term Strategic Framework for the district or metro space; and
  - Provide guidance on incorporation of projects and commitments of sector departments into IDPs.
2. This Circular is a supplementary to Circular 11 of 2020 issued by DCOG in October 2020. Therefore, the content of this circular should be read in conjunction with that circular.

### BACKGROUND

3. The development of the One Plans for all district and metro spaces have been initiated and are expected to be finalized by end of June 2021. These are expected to set out a long term strategic framework and outline a common vision and desired future outcomes in each of the 52 district and 8 metro spaces. Additionally, the One Plan should be formulated jointly by all three spheres of government through a series of collaborative intergovernmental planning sessions. This process will facilitate a shared understanding of the district/metro space amongst all spheres of government, state entities and other stakeholders.
4. The Local Government elections are expected to take place in October 2021 and will usher in the next generation (5-year) IDPs. It is therefore critical that the 5-year IDPs are aligned to the One Plans for each district and metro space as this will ensure that the One Plans are implemented.
5. It is against this background that the Department of Cooperative Governance has developed a *revised* alignment framework focusing on the alignment of the One Plans with the 5-year IDPs in the 2021/22 FY.

## PROCESSES TO FACILITATE THE ONE PLANS AND IDPS

6. For the 2021/22 FY, the alignment of IDPs and One Plans refers to IDPs incorporating the priorities and commitments contained in the One Plans. In this regard, alignment will be facilitated through two processes. These processes are:
  - a. ***The endorsement of the One Plans by the municipal councils of metro and district municipalities (including local municipalities)*** - the current municipal councils are expected to endorse the One Plans as the Long-Term Strategic Framework for a district or metro space. The incoming council following the elections will then note the endorsement of the One Plan.
  - b. ***The incorporation of the implementation commitments and projects of sector departments as reflected in the One Plans into the IDPs*** – the incorporation of sector projects and programmes into the IDPs was initiated in the previous FY. This process is facilitated by COGTA at the national level and provincial departments responsible for local government at provincial level working with the Offices of the Premier. This process will continue to ensure that municipalities have greater insight into the priorities and plans of each sector. In this regard, municipalities are expected to consider the One Plans and incorporate the priorities, strategies and projects into the 5-year IDPs.

## ASSESSMENT OF THE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN ONE PLANS AND IDPS

7. Compliance with this circular will be determined during the 2022/23 IDP assessments. In this regard, current IDP assessment framework and approach will be recalibrated in order to determine whether the IDPs reflect the priorities, strategies and commitments reflected in the One Plans.

## ENQUIRIES

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