


JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

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**Garden Route District Municipality,
the leading, enabling and inclusive
district, characterised by equitable and
sustainable development, high quality
of life and equal opportunities for all.**

BACKGROUND

- Garden Route held a Green Energy Summit in 2018
- Many initiatives were undertaken regarding the proposed District wide approach to sustainability and energy security.
- GRDM is exploring options for a publicly-owned Independent Power Producer (IPP) entity that will generate and deliver bulk electricity supply to the seven local municipalities in the District.
- Various forms of public-private partnerships may be entertained, but the preference is to avoid the additional regulatory burdens inherent in PPPs if at all possible.
- A carefully chosen mix of Solar PV, Hydrogen, Wind, Wave and Waste to energy will be able to deliver almost 80 percent of the electricity requirements of the District.
- The objective is to make sure that the region is energy secure and hence benefit from the spin-offs thereof.
- Carbon credits, green bonds etc

KEY DRIVERS

- ENERGY SECURITY
- RENEWABLE ENERGY
- CLEAN CITIES
- JOB CREATION
- STANDARDS OF LIVING
- EQUALITY

What are you/have you implemented towards this objective?

- DEVELOPED A GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE REGION
- REGIONAL ENERGY MASTER PLAN
- PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ENTITY TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING ENERGY SECURITY
- PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ENTITY TO ASSIST WITH AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING
- WATER MASTER PLAN

What trade offs/challenges are emerging?

- Lack of Common vision
- Regulatory environment/Legislation
- Red tapes
- Change of leadership both political and administration
- Lack of long term planning in the country – 5 year plans as compared to other countries planning of 50 – 100 years
- Lack of resources to ensure realization of the set objectives - funding

Is there a business case for the transition? What is it based on?

- Shared value across the region
- People-oriented: the strategy should hold the people of the Garden Route centrally in assigning priorities and proposing initiatives.
- In the same vein, the strategy should explicitly embrace inclusivity.
- Job creation should inform the strategy.
- Preserving the unique nature of the Garden Route should be a part of the strategy.

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- Partnership and co-ordination are key for the strategy
- The strategy development process itself should also be consultative and participatory.
- The strategy should be characterised by innovation, and openness and transparency.
- Sustainability and resilience should be core principles of the strategy: sustainability of growth, development, land management, water management, and other resources etc.
- Good governance is key.
- Realism and planning for effective implementation should be explicitly included in the strategy.
- Similarly, the strategy should allow for maximising current strengths and areas of potential
- GRDM Skills Mecca and Biomimicry

Conclusion

- Making communities more climate-change resilient
- Safety and security, and crime prevention (for citizens and investors)
- Investor attraction
- Economic promotion and investor attraction
- Optimising state-owned assets
- Capitalise on economies of scale
- Comparative Advantage
- Job creation

ALL THIS ANCHORED ON CLEAN ENERGY

**Thank you
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