



# Local Economic Development in the Karoo



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- To share what the Karoo Region is
- To share some key lessons learned on LED in the Karoo



# Where it began?



- At Karoo Small Towns Regeneration (STR) Conference held in 2016 in Beaufort West, municipalities within the Karoo region showed interest to cooperate across provincial and municipal administrative boundaries and proposed the drafting of RSDf for the region.
- This approach was based on the understanding that municipalities can optimize greater opportunities that can be enabled through cross boundary collaboration, cooperative spatial governance and joint planning.
- The conference delegates tasked SALGA to facilitate the process of the **development of the KRSDf**.





**Legend**

- Study Area
- Provinces
- District Muncipalities

4th - 2019

2nd - 2017

1st - 2016

3rd - 2018

6th - 2022

7th - 2023

9th - 2024

# KAROO REGIONAL INITIATIVE

## PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES



### Pixley ka Seme District Municipality

- Kareeberg LM
- Emthanjeni LM
- Ubuntu LM
- Siyathemba LM
- Siyancuma LM
- Thembelihle LM
- Renosterberg LM
- Umsobomvu LM

### Namakwa District Municipality

- Richtersveld LM
- Nama Khoi LM
- Kamiesberg LM
- Hantam LM
- Karoo Hoogland LM
- Khai-Mai LM

### Z.F Mgcawu District Municipality

- Kai !Garib LM
- !Kheis LM

### Xhariep District Municipality

- Mohokare LM
- Kopanong LM
- Letsemeng LM

### Lejweleputswa District Municipality

- Tokologo LM
- Mangaung MM

### West Coast DM

- Cederberg LM
- Matzikama LM
- Bergrivier LM

### Central Karoo DM

- Beaufort West LM
- Laingsburg LM
- Prince Albert LM

### Overberg DM

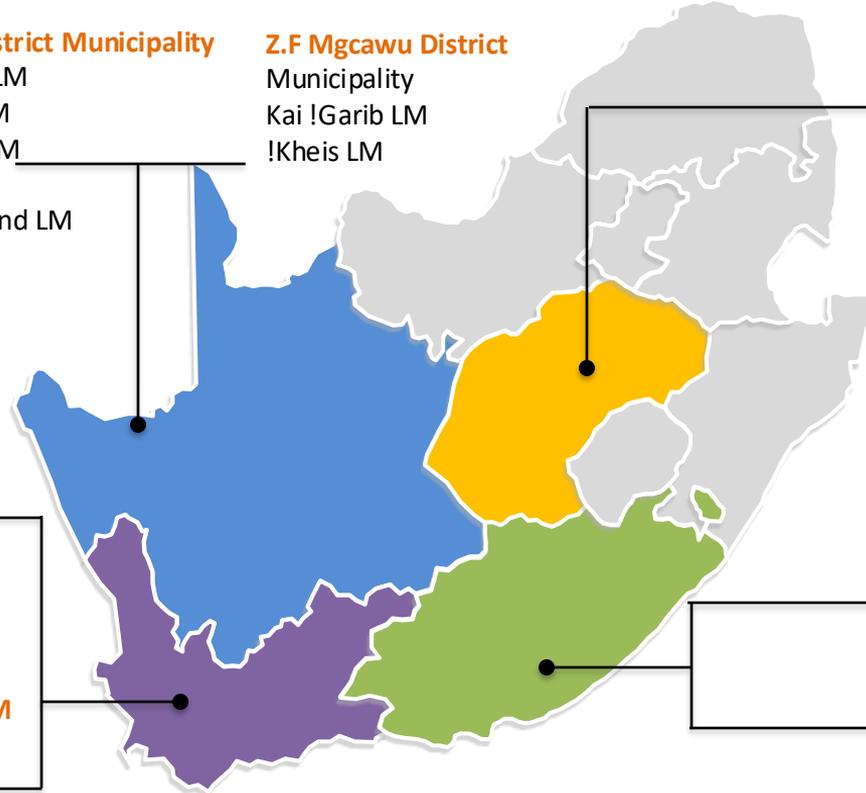
- Swellendam LM

### Garden Route DM

- Kannaland LM
- Oudtshoorn LM

### Cape Winelands DM

- Witzenberg LM
- Breede Valley LM



### Sarah Baartman District Municipality

- Blue Crane Route LM
- Dr Beyers Naude LM

### Chris Hani District Municipality

- Inxuba Yethemba LM
- Enoch Mgijima LM

### Joe Gqabi District Municipality

- Walter Sisulu LM

## Karoo IGRF Structure

The following councilors were nominated to serve as the first Karoo IGRF management structure:

- Chairperson: Cllr Rhoode Itumeleng (NC)
- Deputy Chairperson: Cllr Vania Davids (EC)
- Chairperson Technical: Cllr Jakobus Daniels (WC)
- Political Chairperson: Cllr Kallie Louw (WC)
- Deputy Chairperson Technical: Cllr Stanley Peterson (NC)
- Newly elected Deputy Chairperson Political: Cllr Theodorah Mosala (FS)



## GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 577 OF 2020

NOTICE IN TERMS SECTION 18 OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE  
MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 16 OF 2013)

I, Angela Thoko Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, after consultation with the affected Premiers and Municipal Councils, hereby declare portions of the Karoo in terms of Section 18 (3) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act as a Region as delineated in the Map contained in schedule 1 of this notice and which includes the entirety or portions of provinces and municipalities as listed.

  
MRS AT DIDIZA  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

# KAROO

## Regional Spatial Development Framework

Deliverable 5\_2: KRSDF Second Draft

12 October 2021



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 2042 OF 2023

**NOTICE OF THE APPROVED KAROO REGIONAL SPATIAL  
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK IN TERMS OF SECTION 18 (1) OF THE  
SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO 16 OF  
2013)**

I, Angela Thoko Didiza, the Minister of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development give notice in terms of Section 18(1) of the SPLUMA of the approval of the Karoo Regional Spatial Development Framework after consulting with the Premiers and Municipal Councils responsible for the Karoo Region.

The approved Karoo Regional Spatial Development Framework can be accessed on the Department website through the following address: <http://www.dalrrd.gov.za>.

*A. T. Didiza*

MRS AT DIDIZA (MP)

MINISTER: AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 12/09/2023

- Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development Proclaimed the Karoo Region in terms of SPLUM in October 2020
- Regional Spatial Development Framework gazetted in 2023
- The Department of Tourism work on tourism activities in the Karoo Region
- The Department of Public Works working with 7 Municipalities on the Precinct Development programme in the Karoo Region.
- Department of Science and Innovation Mapping Innovation and undertaking the Documenting the Karoo Journey Project
- The Department of Cooperative Governance is prioritising several Karoo towns for their Smal Towns Regeneration Project
- SALGA project on Mapping Catalytic Projects in the Karoo
- Proposal to have Karoo Investment Summit

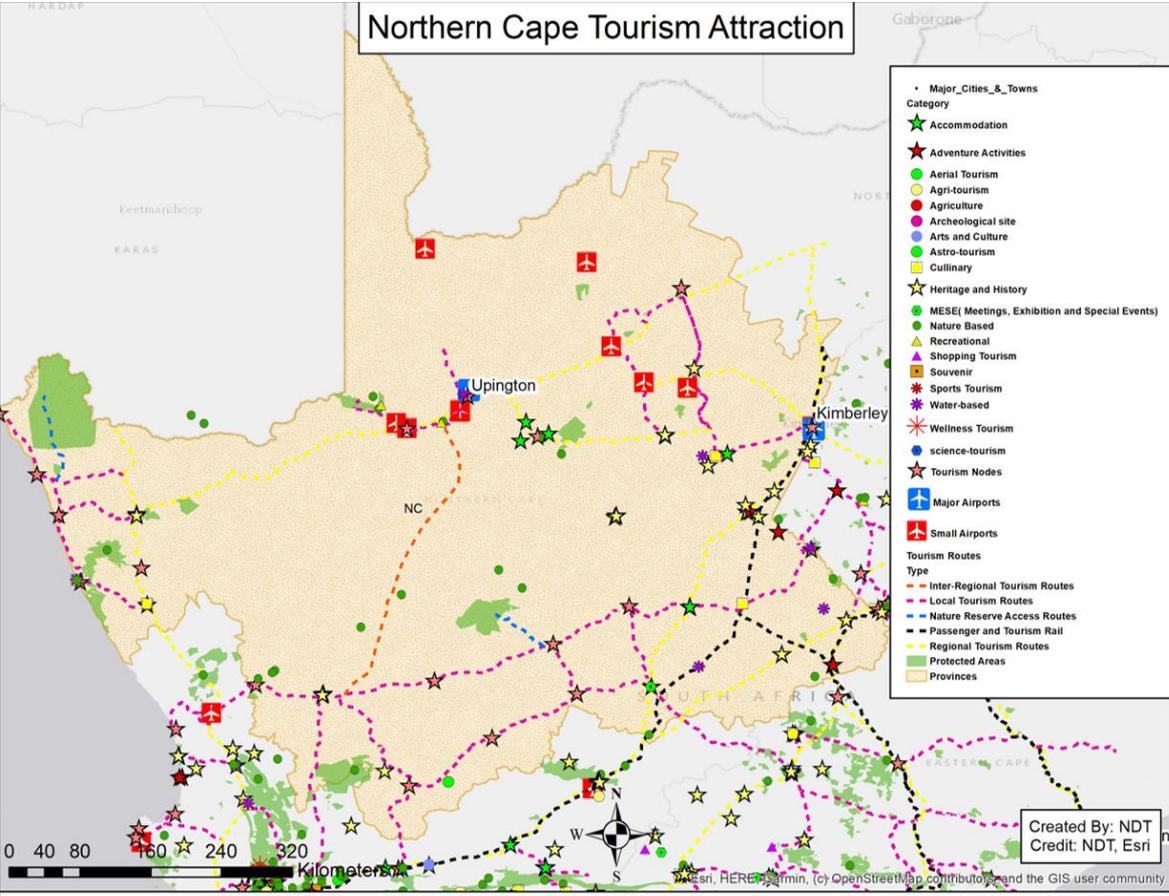
- Independent Power Producers (wind & solar)
  - Key requirement is for Economic Development & Socio Economic Development in areas where they operate
  - Some municipalities are actively engaging with power producers to ensure that the IPPs fund socio infrastructure and SME development
  - Pre engagement with IPPs before community engagement; regular feedback sessions, and transparency allows for realistic expectations from community members and opportunities for local SME's
- Shale Gas exploration

- Agriculture
  - Karoo has distinctive branding, especially for Karoo Lamb and rooibos-both certified as Geographic Indicators
  - Other major crops include citrus, olives, nuts, etc are grown but the Karoo lacks beneficiation capabilities



# LED in the Karoo

## Northern Cape Tourism Attraction



- Active engagement with Provinces and development agencies to promote Karoo products
  - Provincial Investment Conferences are an ideal platform to showcase products and Tourism from the Karoo
  - Engagement with Provincial development agencies-e.g. Central Karoo and Wesgro to support/promote export readily businesses to international markets
  - Karoo Investment Summit aims to promote the Karoo as an investment destination
    - Mini Karoo Investment Summit planned as part of 2025 Karoo Conference

- “Everything is LED”
  - From road network to electricity, water, other businesses, everything has an impact on LED
- Collaboration is key-not one municipality/entity do LED without the involvement of stakeholders
- Political champions are essential

It will take place in Garip Dam, Free State from 21-23  
October 2025





# THANK YOU

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