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# Client



#### SOL PLAATJE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Sol Plaatje Local Municipality is a municipality in the Frances Baard District Municipality in the Northern Cape province, South Africa, named after Sol T. Plaatje. Sol Plaatje Local Municipality is a Category B municipality bordered by Dikgatlong in the north, the Pixley ka Seme District in the south and west, and the Free State Province in the east. It includes the diamond mining city of Kimberley. Sol Plaatje Local Municipality aspires to be a leading and modern city.

### Service Provider

(Co-Implementer)



#### CENTRE FOR MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND ADVICE

The Centre for Municipal Research and Advice (CMRA) is a soft infrastructure project and fund management firm in the field of local government. CMRA was established in October 2005 (registered as a Private Company at Registrar of Companies in South Africa) born out of two local government associations, the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and the Netherlands Association Municipalities (VNG International). The organisation is 100% black owned by young, dynamic and highly skilled professionals with a mission to change the face of local government in South Africa, one municipality at a time. CMRA aims to co-deliver on systemic and institutional reform in municipalities.

### **Project Fact Sheet**

**The project aims to** enhance Sol Plaatje Local Municipality's economic governance and infrastructure through innovative business efficiencies and reform for overall sustainable and inclusive local economic development.

# Overall Objective:

To enhance Sol Plaatje Local Municipality's economic governance and infrastructure for Business Expansion, Attraction and Retention (BEAR).

# Specific Objectives:

To improve Local Economic Development (LED) planning capacity, administrative economic development capacity within SLM.

To improve the regulatory environment for the enablement of BEAR.

To improve the ease of doing business by introducing new business application (and facilitation) modalities.

# Expected Outcomes:

A resourced municipality with skilled LED officials that drive innovation-led sustainable economic planning and development.

A harmonised and conducive regulatory environment that promotes BEAR.

Improved business efficiencies and reduction of red tape for BEAR.

## Estimated Results / Outputs:

Trained LED officials.

Institutional learning exchange & benchmarking.

SLM Ease of Doing Business Index.

e-Repository on economic governance and infrastructure.

Tested & Piloted SLM digital Business Application (& Facilitation) e-One-Stop Shop for BEAR.



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### Official Development Assistance (ODA) Principle being addressed:

Skills transfer and addressing of capacity gaps, innovation, piloting and testing and risk mitigation.

#### Final Beneficiaries:

**SPLM:** will increase its ease of doing business by introducing business procedures/process reforms for efficiency and reduction of red tabe.

SPLM LED Officials: capacitated to facilitate innovation-driven inclusive economic development that leads to vibrant localities which offer socio-economic opportunities for all

**Businesses (and potential investors):** ability to interact with the municipality through a digitalised platform thus cutting the cost and time of doing business.

Quality of life for the **SPLM Residents** through the provision of socio-economic opportunities that come with BEAR.

South Africa: The South African economy is bound to grow from new businesses/investment as well as growth of existing industries thereby offering socio-economic opportunities

# Activities / Components:

Project Set-Up.

Capacity and Capability Enhancement Program.

Ease of Doing Business Index.

Testing & Piloting e-One-Stop Shop.

Project Closure.

#### **Duration:**

3 years (2020 - 2022).





### **Project Overview**

The project aims to enhance SPLM's **economic governance and infrastructure** through; **a digitalised business application (& facilitation) platform**, a harmonised **business regulatory environment** as well as **capacity and capability enhancement** of the municipality (**institution**) and municipal officials (**individual**) in order to **reduce red tape** and promote SPLM's BEAR endeavours for **overall innovation-driven**, **sustainable and inclusive local economic development**. All this is done in an effort to; improve Local Economic Development (LED) planning capacity, administrative economic development capacity within SPLM, To improve the regulatory environment for the enablement of BEAR and To improve the ease of doing business by introducing new business application (and facilitation) modalities.

As a preliminary activity, the project will start with "**Project Inception**": setting up & introducing the project. The project will end with "**Project Closure**": consolidation of all documentation and project evaluation to measure the overall impact of the project (have the objectives, outcomes and results been achieved; the overall financial expenditure and viability of the project).

However, the project is comprised of three (3) main components namely;

#### 1. Capacity and Capability Enhancement:

Development & roll out of a comprehensive capacity and capability enhancement program on economic governance and infrastructure through:

- South-South institutional exchanges with continental leaders (City of Kigali) on the ease of doing business.
- Institutional exchanges with the City of Cape Town and Midvaal Local Municipality on the ease of doing business.
- · Coaching and mentoring for LED officials and various user departments within SPLM.

#### 2. SPLM Ease of Doing Business Index:

Using the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Model. The Index will look at indicators that pertain to land-use and planning, legislative environment, starting, operating and expanding a business.

# 3. Testing & Piloting of SLM e-One-Stop Shop:

Establishment of digital platform/s for business application and facilitation processes/procedures.

The programme will be driven from SPLM's Strategy, Economic Development and Planning Directorate led primarily from the LED Division. The Centre for Municipal Research and Advice (CMRA) as a service provider will augment SPLM's inhouse capacity to ensure successful delivery of the project.

