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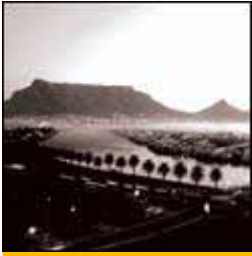


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DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS STRATEGY



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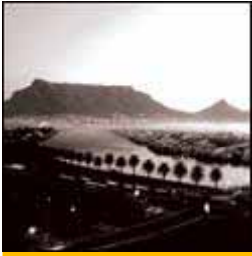
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Outline

1. Purpose and scope of the strategy
2. Background and context
3. Opportunities for enhancing sustainable livelihoods
4. Strategic objectives and actions



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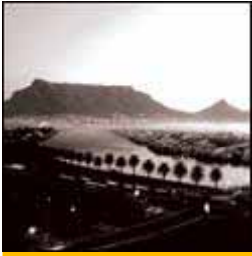


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PURPOSE

- The purpose: to provide a framework for targeted efforts to support sustainable livelihoods with an emphasis on the role of the natural environment.
- As a strategy linked to IMEP (2003), the strategy applies to the City as a whole, but specific implementation responsibilities rest with ERM.





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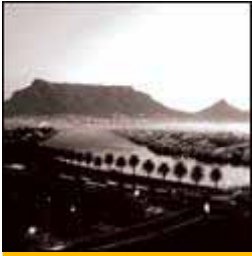
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- SL relevant to most activities of the City of Cape Town

IDP focus areas:

- *Shared economic growth and development*
- *Sustainable urban infrastructure and services*
- *Energy efficiency for a sustainable future*
- *Public transport systems*
- *Integrated human settlements and housing*
- *Safety and security*
- *Health, social and community development*
- *Good governance and regulatory reform*





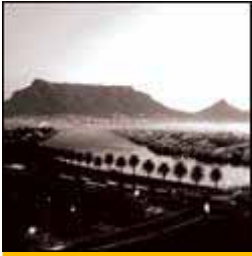
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BACKGROUND

- The White Paper on Sustainable Coastal Development in SA (2000) *'To alleviate coastal poverty through proactive coastal development initiatives that generate sustainable livelihood options'*.
- There are a range of other strategies within Department of Strategy and Planning: ERM with a direct bearing on the links between the natural environment and sustainable livelihoods. The relevant strategies are: Biodiversity, Coastal Zone Management, Cultural Heritage, Energy and Climate Change, and Environmental Education and Training.



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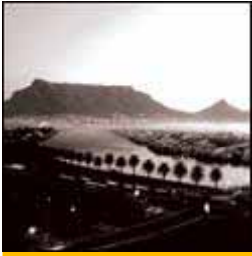
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Supporting Strategies

- City Development Strategy (end 2009)
- Urban Renewal Programme
- Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading programme
(integrated approach to community development)
- City's Economic and Human Development Strategy (2006).
- Business Support Policy (2003)
- Urban Agriculture Strategy (2007)

- So what else is needed?
- What do we need to do as a Dept. and City to promote SL?





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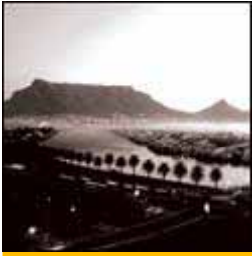


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Project implementation details

- EEU of UCT as STTA
- Appointed in November 2008
- Integration between Dept's.
- Information from role players
- SL Strategy will inform City policy
- 29 May- open workshop
- Completed in June 2009





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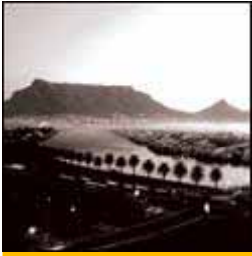
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SL Approach

- Inter-related capabilities and opportunities (rather than merely needs or deprivations) faced by the poorest households

Def: A livelihood comprises the capabilities, assets (including both material and social resources) and activities required for a means of living. A livelihood is sustainable when it can cope with and recover from stresses and shocks and maintain or enhance its capabilities and assets both now and in the future, while not undermining the natural resource base. (DFID, 1999)





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Natural Capital

Land water,
livestock,
wildlife,
biodiversity,
environment

Human Capital

Skills, knowledge
& information,
ability to work,
health

Social Capital

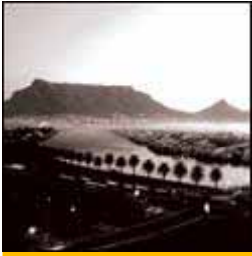
Networks,
groups, trust,
access to
institutions,
ability to demand

Physical Capital

Transport,
shelter, clean
water, energy,
communications

Financial Capital

Savings, credit,
remittances,
pensions



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Livelihoods based on natural, social, physical, human, financial and political capital assets

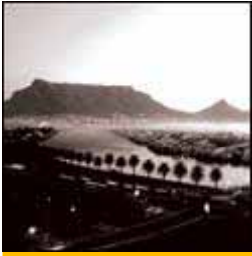


Direct and indirect assets and benefits



Sustainable use and remediation

Complex, inter-related natural systems providing natural resources and ecosystem services (water and drainage, materials, energy, land and soil, living resources)



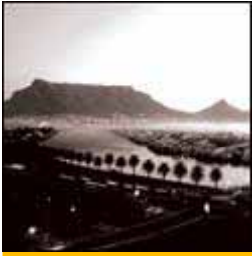
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Challenge:

- Limitations to available information on SL.
- Most poor households live in informal settlements in a cycle of poverty based on food insecurity, ill health and unemployment, aggravated by natural hazards. Basic services and welfare support are key to SL.
- Deleterious trends with regard to energy, water, waste, land & soil, and biodiversity, but significant opportunity for innovation and large-scale investment.



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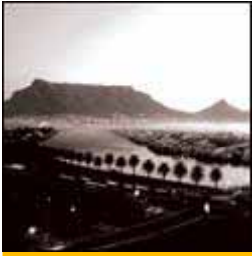


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Principles of the SL Strategy

- Prioritise the poor
- Ensure sustainable use and remediation of the natural environment
- Facilitate participation and partnership with affected communities
- Enhance collaboration within government and with civil society and business stakeholders
- Maximise impact of public sector expenditure by identifying points of leverage, including targeted value chain support and procurement
 - Understand challenges faced by incipient enterprises
 - Beware of unintended consequences (e.g. of formalisation)
 - Recognise importance of free basic services and welfare





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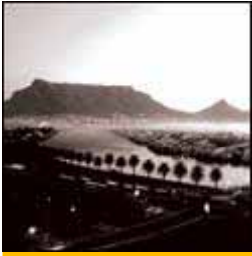


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IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

- Tourism
- Waste clean-up and recycling
- Biological resources
- Environmental rehabilitation and remediation
- Water, sanitation and drainage
- Clean energy and energy efficiency
- Open space and conservation management





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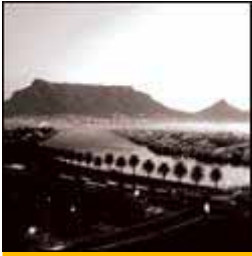


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Strategic objectives and activities (1)

1. Promote integrated community development
 - Address the current emphasis on sector-specific, uncoordinated approach to community development, building on VPUU, etc
 - Possible use of nodal approach (e.g., NMBM) to facilitate functional integration and community participation
 - Requires appropriate organisational driver, e.g. Service Delivery Integration





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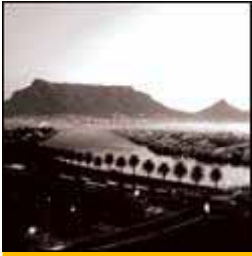
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Strategic objectives and activities (2)

2. Promote integrated food security

- Enhance the implementation of the Urban Agriculture Strategy with improved linkages to land use, water and waste management, business support
- Recognise need for support of food value chains in support of poor people's access to nutrition – i.e. an integrated approach to food security beyond production and welfare
- Work with and in support of existing initiatives, e.g. CT Food Bank, Abalimi





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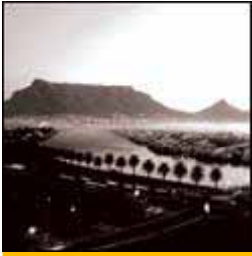


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Strategic objectives and activities (3)

3. Establish better alignment and co-funding with the EPWP
 - Recognise opportunities associated with EPWP, as well as problems: 1) insufficient alignment with City strategies and 2) inherent limitations associated with low pay
 - Enhance current efforts at alignment through high-level agreements and monitoring
 - Joint planning of projects based on co-funding
 - Lobby for higher wages in cities





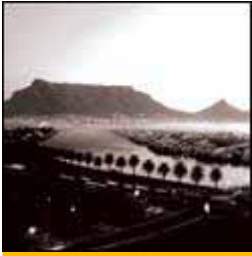
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Strategic objectives and activities (4)

4. Develop city-wide, nodal approach, linked to identification of implementing agents
 - Nodes to be identified on the basis of the eight planning districts
 - Use of IAs motivated by need to limit City officials' involvement in day-to-day management of projects
 - Identify IAs for three-year implementation cycles based on tender process, with specified selection criteria
 - Prioritise NPOs, possibly including targeted organisational development and training programme.



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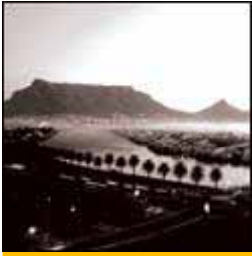


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Strategic objectives and activities (5)

5. Establish proactive alignment between relevant City functions and departments, with emphasis on:
 - Development facilitation and business support
 - Land use planning and management
 - Procurement
 - Human resources





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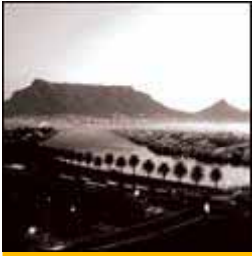


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Strategic objectives and activities (6)

6. Integrate SL considerations in City's knowledge management and monitoring
 - Generate, analyse and make available data about poor people's livelihoods, including role of natural resources in this regard
 - Integrate this with vulnerability mapping required by City's Energy and Climate Change Strategy
 - State of Livelihoods report





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Strategic objectives and activities (7)

7. Enhance City – civil society interactions, with emphasis on R&D
 - Integrate SL considerations in IDP community participation processes
 - Develop the Sustainable Livelihoods Network, inviting relevant organisations (e.g. CAPE) and with greater emphasis on R&D associated with SL





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What should municipalities be doing to promote SL in our cities?



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