

Planning and Implementation of Government Strategy for Projects in the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper investigated from the strategic perspective the problem of planning and implementation of projects in the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. The paper argues that lack of coherent link between the planning and implementation of strategy in the Department of Economic Development, Environmental and Tourism is the cause of the department's failure to succeed in promoting economic growth, tourism and the use of environmental management to guide and monitor sustainable development in the province. It is argued that while strategies in the Department are well articulated and elaborated on, they are never translated into concrete and concerted actions to meet the needs of the citizens in the province. This paper therefore used both qualitative and quantitative research approaches to obtain data from relevant units within the LEDET in order to establish the problem of the disconnection between strategic planning and implementation. The paper concluded that the implementation of the strategy can be improved through communication with stakeholders, allocation of sufficient resources, employee empowerment and introduction of appropriate change management processes.