

Planning and Sustainable Development of Low Income Human Settlements in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

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ABSTRACT Integrated Development Planning (IDP) is one of the key tools used by the South African Government to deal with its developmental role in the post-apartheid era. In contrast to the role of planning in the past, integrated development planning is now a function of municipal management for service delivery in the different sectors. It serves as the principal strategic management instrument for municipalities. In the housing sector numerous policies and programmes have been formulated for the planning and development of low income human settlements to meet the country's chronic shortage of housing for the homeless. Despite this, the provision of low income human settlements since 1994 has been unsustainable. The paper concludes by noting that subsequent attempts at policy reformulation have not significantly reduced the political, logistical and technical challenges within the low income human settlement sector.