

Experts meet at Western Cape Property Development Forum

The Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) will take place on Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 May 2016, at the Crystal Towers Hotel, Century City in Cape Town.



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Experts are to discuss reforms to boost South Africa's economic outlook, how South Africa's first Municipal Planning Tribunal is doing, how alternative and secure energy can help property development, how central Cape Town's property values grew from R6bn in 2005 to some R26bn, how to fund urban infrastructure and how cooperation between government and business can succeed.

Cape Town's executive mayor Patricia de Lille will deliver the keynote address.

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Lineup

Professor Brian Kantor, investment strategist and economist at Investec, will focus on the strength of the rand to counter global cyclical and structural influences. He will propose structural reforms, including the elimination of company income tax. Professor Marius Ungerer of the Stellenbosch University Business School will discuss the opportunities of the National Development Plan for future national and local planning and as a long-term plan for South Africa.

Dave Daniels, chairman of SA's first Municipal Planning Tribunal, will review their first months and how decision-making on town planning has been improved.

A case study on the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (SBIDZ) multi-partner development to support the upstream oil and gas services industry and to boost jobs and economic development on the West Coast will be presented by Khaashifha Beukes. The initial phase of the SBIDZ will be an oil and gas off-shore supply base and marine repair complex at Saldanha port.

Other presentations will focus on making it easier for people to apply for affordable housing, using technology for home automation and security, energy incentives from government and using current opportunities within the provincial and metro government environment.

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