



## MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD

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### **MUNICIPAL WARD DELIMITATION STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE – 4 NOVEMBER 2009**

The next local government elections in South Africa will be held in 2011, to elect municipal councils throughout the country for a new term of office.

In preparation for these local government elections, the Municipal Demarcation Board (“the Board”) – an independent constitutional institution mandated to re-delimit municipal electoral wards for all municipalities that qualify to have wards - has sent out draft wards to all municipalities in the country, for each municipality to consult and work with all communities in its area of jurisdiction, and to come to a consensus on a preferred set of wards for every municipality.

The final set of wards must be handed over to the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) by 1 September 2010, for the Commission to start preparations for the elections.

The Board has requested all municipalities to consult widely and to reach out to all communities within their municipal areas before deciding on the preferred ward boundaries for their municipalities.

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) has endorsed the consultation drive, and has also called on all municipalities, most of whom are members of the Association, to consult widely on the wards. SALGA has also offered practical support to all municipalities who may have challenges in reaching out to communities.

**To provide more impetus to this community consultation on the draft wards for 2011, the Municipal Demarcation Board will host a Stakeholders Conference on Wednesday 4 November 2009, at Gallagher Estates Conference Centre.**

With this Conference, the Board wants to bring together all municipalities, as well as other key stakeholders in local government and local democracy, to confirm the importance of community consultation during this Ward Delimitation Process, to assess progress by municipalities with local consultations on the draft wards to date, and to provide a platform for municipalities and other stakeholders, to engage the Board on issues of concern.

This conference is an integral part of preparations for the 2011 local government elections, and is an event not to be missed.

The Board calls on all Managers and Leaders of Municipalities throughout the country, as well as Managers and Leaders of other stakeholder organisations with a stake in local government and local democracy, to make a special effort to attend this Conference.

If you have not received an invitation to the Conference by now, please get in touch with Nicole, using the e-mail address or telephone and fax numbers provided below.

Remember, the next local government elections are taking place in 2011. Let these elections take place in electoral wards that the voters can identify with.

Come to the Conference, and interact with all of us, as we prepare electoral wards for 2011.

**VENUE : GALLAGHER ESTATE CONVENTION CENTRE  
19 RICHARDS DRIVE, MIDRAND**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2009**

**TIME: 07H30 - 16H00**

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