



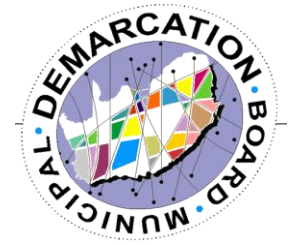
Municipal Ward Delimitation Stakeholders Conference:04/11/09

Ms N.Gwayi
Deputy Chairperson
:MDB

Introduction



- We have come a long way since the days of the National Demarcation Board and Regional Demarcation Boards established in terms of the Local Government Transition Act 209 of 1993
- The Constitution, Act 108 of 1996, the Municipal Demarcation Act 27 of 1998, and the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998 now determine the Demarcation Board's establishment and mandate
- The current Board, made up of ten members, led by Mr Landiwe Mahlangu, is the third Board since 1999, and was appointed by the President with effect from February, 2009 for a five year term



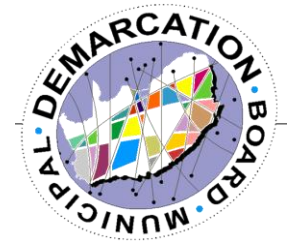
Current members of the MDB

- Mr Landiwe Mahlangu : Chairperson
- Ms Ndumi Gwayi : Deputy Chairperson
- Dr Vuyo Mlokothi
- Khosi Tshililo Ramovha
- Prof Nicolaas Steytler
- Ms Wendy Ovens
- Ms Grace Castle
- Ms Lynelle John
- Mr Ashraf Adam
- Mr L D Tsotetsi



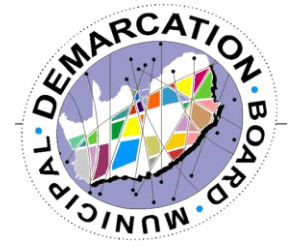
Objectives of the Conference

- To acknowledge the important role played by our partners towards and in the delimitation of electoral wards for the forth-coming local government elections(2011)
- To ensure readiness and address any possible challenges which may delay or deter progress in this regard
- To broadened participation, consultation and consensus –building as crucial elements in the process
- To officially launch the ward delimitation process



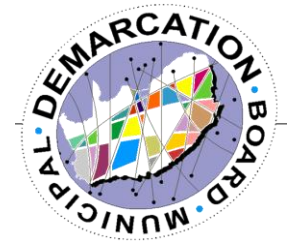
FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

- Determination and Re-determination of municipal boundaries
- Delimitation of wards for local government elections
- Assessment of the capacity of district and local municipalities to perform their functions as provided for in the Constitution and the Municipal Structures Act
- The declaration and withdrawal of declaration of District Management Areas
- According to a Cabinet Resolution, to lead in assisting government departments in the alignment of service delivery boundaries to municipal boundaries
- Board also expected to play an advisory role in related matters



EXPECTATIONS

- On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support, pro-activeness and openness with which we have been received by our valued stakeholders, from the Ministry of Co-operation and Traditional Affairs, MEC's and their departments, Mayors, Speakers and their officials, as well as our Traditional Leaders.
- We expect today to be no different, as we further seek to find one another, and clarify whatever grey area may still be there.
- Let us continue to engage as widely as possible as we strive to maintain the crucial balance between democracy and service delivery
- We hope that these deliberations empower our municipalities to further fulfill their obligations as they engage communities and other role players
- We also look forward to receiving inputs from you so as to enhance our own contribution to the process, and continue to add value to a developmental local government agenda



**With those few words, I declare this Conference
open!**

GOD BLESS!!!