

## Social cohesion and Demarcations

### Municipal Boundary Demarcations in Traditional Areas: A potential source of strife

**Date:** 30 October 2018 **Time:** 12:15 - 14:00 **Venues:** Pretoria, Durban, PE and Cape Town

The Municipal Demarcation Board is confronted with challenges of municipal boundary demarcations. Municipal boundary demarcations often result in disputes especially in areas where there are traditional leaders presence. There are communities for example which prefer to stay where they are and not to be moved elsewhere. Others expressed a need to have their own municipalities. These pose a potential conflict especially in traditional areas which are characterised by socio-cultural dynamics hence demarcations in those areas are a potential source of strife. Against this backdrop, the seminar aims to understand why municipal boundary demarcations in traditional areas are a potential source of strife and discontentment. There is a need to engage in how to resolve spatial transformation challenges when demarcating municipal boundaries in traditional areas. We need to propose the best way in which municipal boundary demarcations challenges could be resolved to enhance social cohesion and integrated development.

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Time	Item	Owner
12h15 - 12h20	Opening remarks	Professor M. Kanyane (DGSD, HSRC)
Presentations		
12h20 - 12h40	Municipal Boundary Demarcation in Traditional areas: A potential source of strife?	Liz Mazibuko (Manager: GIS, MDB)
12h40 - 13h00	Municipal demarcation challenges affecting traditional communities and leadership – Proposals and response mechanisms	Hosi M Ntsanwisi (NHTL)
Panellists		
13h05 - 13h20	Reflection by Panellists on the key issues raised during presentations & on other related matters	1. Jane Thupana (Chairperson of the Board, MDB) (13h05 – 13h10)  2. Johan Meiring (Director: Information Management, DTA) (13h10 – 13h15)  3. Father Smangaliso Mkhathswa (Chairperson of Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM) (DAC) (13h15 – 13h20)
13h20 - 13h55	Discussions and way forward - Discussions - Way forward	All (audience)
13h55 - 14h00	Closure	Session Chair
Refreshments		

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