**Report of the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on the Attendance and Participation on the Human Settlements Indaba From the 4th to 5th September 2022, in Ethekwini, Kwazulu-Natal, 28 September 2022.**

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The Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements (hereafter called the Committee) attended the Human Settlements Indaba from 4th to 5th September 2022 in Ethekwini, KwaZulu-Natal. The Committee reports as follows:

The Committee received an invitation of the Indaba which was held under the theme: “Transforming Human Settlements environment through accelerated planning, implementation and public-private partnership”. It aims to mobilise private investors, academia, NGOs and traditional leaders to partner with the government to accelerate the delivery of sustainable human settlements across the country.

The delegation comprised of Chairperson of the Committee, Ms R M Semenya, (ANC); Mr T C Malatji (ANC) Mr C Malematja (ANC); Dr N V Khumalo (DA); and Ms N Tafeni, (EFF) accompanied by the Content Advisor, Mr S Mnguni.

The Indaba was held under the theme: Transforming Human Settlements environment through accelerated planning, implementation and public-private partnership. The Indaba was divided into key focus areas or panels such as Planning and Development (facilitated by the Housing Development Agency); Compliance and Regulation (facilitated by the National Home Builders Registration Council); Finance and Transformation (facilitated by Social Housing Regulatory Authority and National Finance Corporation); and Entrenching Empowerment and transformation in the delivery chain (facilitated by Community Scheme Ombud Service and Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority (PPRA). These panels were aimed at addressing the following:

* Unlocking opportunities to accelerate sustainable human settlements development;
* Quality assurance within the changing landscape of the Human Settlements Sector;
* Upscaling and sustainability of human settlements;
* Unlocking opportunities to accelerate sustainable of the PPRA Transformation agenda.

The Acting Director-General of the Department of Human Settlements, Ms Sindisiwe Ngxongo, informed the delegates that the outcomes of deliberations of the Indaba will be put together as part of the Principles for a Social Compact.  The Eastern Cape MEC for Human Settlements Ms Siphokazi Mani-Lusithi provided a post-Indaba Road Map on what should happen in the Human Settlements sphere up to the next Indaba.

Delivering the closing remarks, Minister Kubayi indicated that discussions in this Indaba made a strong indication of the shift in the way Human Settlements are viewed.  The sector is a powerful economic sector that we should harness to advance our fight against unemployment, poverty and inequality. Furthermore, she indicated that Human Settlements entities would consolidate the discussed focus areas into a final report. This consolidated report will be presented to MINMEC and the Portfolio Committee.

Report to be noted.