



## Department of Land Affairs



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# Medium Term Sector and Departmental Policy Priorities

- White Paper on Land Policy Review
  - After 11 years of the life of the White Paper on Land Policy, a need has arisen to re-examine its adequacy with regard to dealing with the current challenges of land reform implementation.
- Policy to Regulate Land Access by Non-South African citizens
  - The policy seeks to create mechanisms for the disclosure of land holdings by non-residents and certain juristic persons and the scope of authority for the imposition of land ceilings and the State's right of first refusal in respect of certain "controlled" land.

## **Medium Term Sector and Departmental Policy Priorities cont.**

- Review of the Willing Buyer-Willing Seller Principle
  - The Department of Land Affairs (DLA) has already started the review of the Willing Buyer-Willing Seller principle.
  - The draft document proposes various options which will be researched on their potential effectiveness, constitutionality and legal viability.
- Introduction of a Special Land Tax
  - Research has already been commissioned on the viability of introducing a special tax on agricultural land. Guidelines are to be developed to assist municipalities towards implementing such a special tax.

# Progress in meeting the Measurable Objectives as per the ENE 2008, Apex Priorities and the MDGs

Priority number 7 of the Apex of Priorities

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- The Ministry for Agriculture and Land Affairs developed the Land and Agrarian Reform Programme (LARP), which is the overarching programme between the national Departments of Agriculture and Land affairs and all nine provincial Departments of Agriculture. *20 Land Access  
LP DCA - support services.*
- While there is commendable progress by the DLA in spending the budget allocated for land acquisition, the projected target of 2.5 million hectares will not be met due to a number of factors including:
  - Insufficient financial resources
  - High land prices
  - Capacity constraints
  - Lack of appropriate funding models
  - Post settlement support to land reform beneficiaries which is critical for sustainable land and agrarian reform, thereby contributing to the millennium goals of reducing poverty and unemployment by 2015

## Progress in meeting the Measurable Objectives as per the ENE 2008

Programme	Indicators	Targets	Progress
P2. Surveys & Mapping	Number of square kilometres of earth imagery of South Africa at 0.5m ground sample distance accordance	220 000	79 683 square km achieved
	Number of square kilometres of updated topographical data captured for the integrated database of fundamental geo-spatial information	150 000	47,500 square km achieved
	Number of maps of the national map series of South Africa produced	1 614	914 maps produced
P3. Cadastral Surveys	Percentage of approved cadastral documents able to be registered	98%	The target of 98% is still consistently maintained
	Number of days for processing all requests for information	5	Processing time still within the average of 5 days
	Number of provinces in which an operational Surveyor-General's Office (SGO) is introduced	1(North West)	Although the office is not yet operational, the team is currently busy with the separation of data in preparation for implementation of the SG Office

## Progress in meeting the Measurable Objectives as per the ENE 2008 cont.

P4. Restitution	Number of land claims settled	3485	165 complex rural claims settled
P5. Land Reform	Number of hectares of land redistribution to land reform beneficiaries	647 125	283 991 ha achieved to date
P6. Spatial Planning & Information	Number of Land Use Management Bill pilot projects implemented	2	<p><b><u>Pilot 1</u></b>            Project 1: Northern Cape:            Sol Plaatjie Municipality for Spatial Framework and land use management scheme is completed.            Project 2: Provincial spatial development framework is in progress</p> <p><b><u>Pilot 2</u></b>            Project 2 – Limpopo            Work in progress with the appointment of a service provider for the following: Aganang Municipality- Land use Management Bill            Thulamela Municipality – spatial development framework and township establishment for Tubatse Municipality.</p>

# Five Year Expenditure Trends

