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# Presentation on the impact of SONA to the CoGTA Portfolio Committee on 21 February 2012

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Purpose of the presentation.
- CoGTA response to SONA 2012

# PURPOSE

The purpose of the presentation is to outline COGTA's response to the 2012 SONA.

# SONA 2012 COGTA RESPONSE

- COGTA's mandate is to create environment for the reduction of unemployment, eradication of inequality and poverty in our communities through dedicated and targeted programmes.
- **The triple challenges that the President referred to in SONA are best reflected at the local level.**
- **Unemployment/Poverty**: Community Works Programme will be used to reduce unemployment levels. We are aiming to create 250 000 employment opportunities by 2014.
- **Inequality**: acceleration of provision of basic services in 100 targeted municipalities.

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# SONA RESPONSE
# COGTARESPONSE (CONT...)

- **Inequality**:
  - Continue to engage Department of Justice and Constitutional Development to finalise the Traditional Courts Bill.
  - Fast track the processing of the Traditional Affairs Bill this year to integrate Khoisan into governance mainstream and to strengthen the role of traditional institutions in development programmes. Our target is that the Bill should reach Parliament by July 2012.
  - Provide support to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform for the development and implementation of SPLUMB.
  - Monitor provinces in the development of provincial spatial development act.

# SONA (INFRASTRUCTURE DEV.)-COGTA RESPONSE

- The establishment of MISA to address infrastructure development in municipalities is at advanced stage.

- MISA has already deployed 94 Technical experts (82 Engineers and 12 Town Planners) to support 102 municipalities (64 full time and 37 on shared –service basis).

- Moving forward, the infrastructure development programmes would be included in the Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) of the municipalities. This will go a long way in addressing triple challenges reflected in the SONA.

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# SONA 2012 (HIGH ELECTRICITY)- COGTA RESPONSE

- **Clean cities and Towns**:
  - Turning waste into wealth (recycling)
  - Supporting the Department of Energy in terms of installation of solar energy power supplies;
  - The department pursuing PPPs with the ✓ Private Sector on Clean Cities projects e.g. Nampak, Nedbank foundation, etc;
  - Engaging DPE on electricity pricing strategy; and
  - Encouraging municipalities to use indigent policy to reduce the impact of electricity costs on poor families.

# SONA 2012 (WATER AUGMENTATION SCHEMES) – COGTA RESPONSE

- Utilisation of MIG to construct water infrastructure in municipalities.
- Partnering with Water Affairs in the water related programmes.

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# SONA 2012 (EDUCATION) – COGTA RESPONSE

o COGTA will be conducting assessment on provision of basic services to schools e.g. Electricity, water, sanitation and refuse removal this coming financial year. This will be undertaken together with the relevant sector departments for implementation of the assessment results.

# INTERVENTIONS- COGTA RESPONSE

- There are only two local municipalities that are still under section 139 intervention and they are based in KwaZulu-Natal; namely Indaka (extended until July 2012) and Okhahlamba (extended until March 2012).

- **Intervention success story**: turnaround of Sundays River Valley LM in Eastern Cape.

- The current section 100 Provincial interventions in Gauteng, the Free State and Limpopo to improve governance, systems and administration are welcomed. These interventions are undertaken within the spirit of cooperative governance as enshrined in chapter 3 of the Constitution (not punitive measure).

# CORRUPTION- COGTA RESPONSE

- Fight against corruption remains at the top of CoGTA agenda.

- Through cooperative governance, COGTA will provide support to the municipalities and facilitate optimum use of other role players in a coordinated manner.

- COGTA is currently reviewing its anti - corruption campaign in order to successfully execute the above task.

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