## "Achieving the Vision" Geo-statistical integration addressing South Africa's Developmental Agenda

# "Accelerating City Transformation for Inclusion, Growth & Sustainability

... the role of the evidence-base (geospatial information and statistics)
... how are South African Cities doing it ..."

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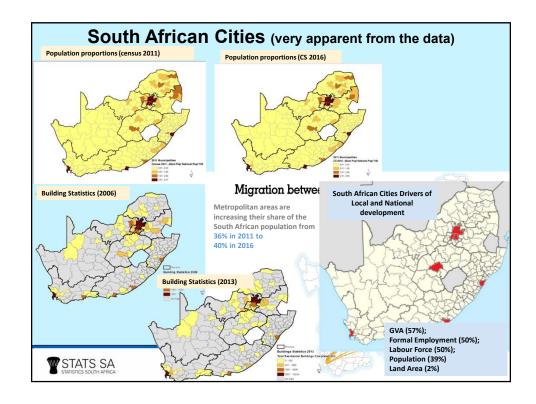
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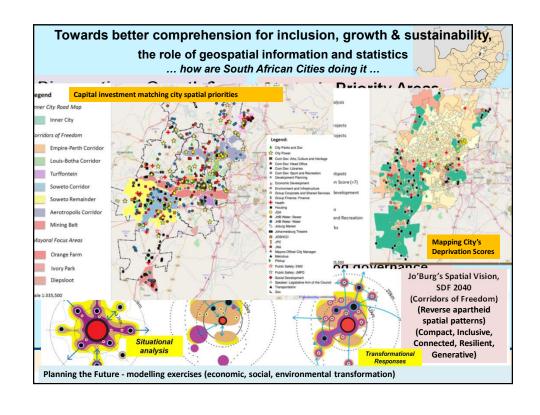
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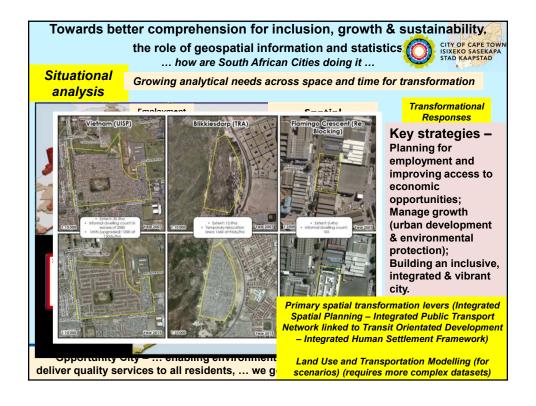
smart cities - can do the basics well (good service delivery, governance, public participation, financial management); grow inclusively; create jobs, foster social cohesion, bridge the digital divide, etc.

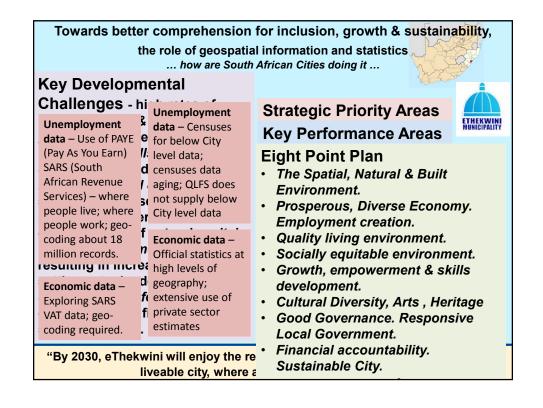


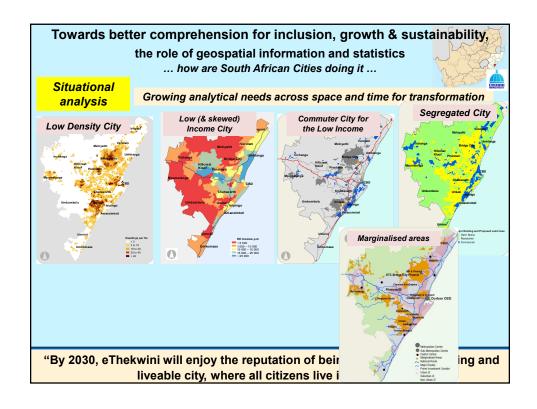


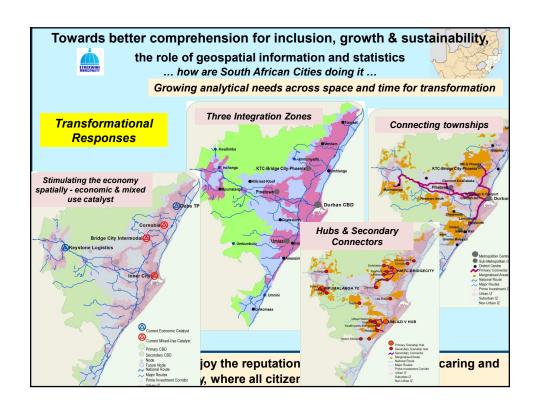














#### Concluding Remarks ...

- SA metros progressively embracing the New Urban Agenda of urban development, globalisation and national development. Also committed to SDGs, in particular Goal 11 on Sustainable cities. The Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF) is a prominent policy intervention by Government in the urban space (access, growth, governance & spatial transformation). SPLUMA requires SDFs for the spheres of Government.
- The need for standardised data (both geospatial & statistical) across cities, nationally and globally. (Intergovernmental reporting) (World Council on City Data (WCCD), ISO 37120 certified Cities).
- Serious lack of demographic, social and economic data for local analysis in non-census years. Survey
  data not able to provide sub-metro information. Results in the lack of comprehensive quantitative and
  qualitative analysis. Local plans become weak. Requires innovative thinking around (disaggregated)
  data & its methods.
- Core administrative sources (Population register; Business register; Address-cadastral/ Deeds-landuse/ valuation register) (geo-embedded) (coordination thro a National Statistical System) (legislative reform for access, linking, dissemination, etc.)
- Over-arching (minimum) data eco-system/ infrastructure for Cities & Local authorities, alike. Holistic
  approach. Minimise uneven development.
- Cities need to PLAN, IMPLEMENT, MONITOR, EVALUATE, Go Back to PLAN. (Past, Present, Future analysis) (data & models for future growth & development) (more complex data and skill set)
- The NSO (in this case Stats SA) must ensure that planning, monitoring and evaluation is informed by strong evidence base and planning tools.



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