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FINANCING FOR THE FUTURE

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Theme: Pioneering Change Engineering Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth

DBSA Integrated Service Offering

1. Plan

- Municipal assessments
- Bulk infrastructure plans
- Infrastructure planning advice

2. Prepare

- Project identification
- Feasibility assessments
- Technical assistance
- Programme development
- Project preparation funds

3. Finance

- Long-term senior and subordinated debt
- Corporate and project finance
- Mezzanine finance
- Structured financing solutions
- Credit enhancement

4. Build

- Managing design and construction of projects across energy, water, transport, housing, health and education sectors
- Project management support

5. Maintain

- Supporting maintenance/improvement of infrastructure projects

CLIENTS AND MANDATED EXPOSURE



40%

Public

- Municipalities
- SOEs
- Sovereigns

60%

Private

- PPPs
- Private sector

SECTORS



Energy



Transport



Water and Sanitation



ICT



Education



Health



Human settlements

Financing the future: Context



- Funding and delivery of necessary infrastructure projects has become pressing, thus pressurising government for an increase in budget to fund which has become politically and economically unfeasible.
- Localised demand forecasting and holistic development of communities around planned infrastructure has become critical for future fit for purpose delivery.
- Mastering Skills Development in line with critical and scarce skills in the built environment and in line with Labour Market Employment forecasting and demand forecasting models.

A recall on the conclusion of my 2025 Presentation to CESA 2025 Infrastructure Indaba

- CESA and its members must make inputs in the review of the PPP regulations and lobbying – *published for comment in Feb 2023, deadline 15 April 2025.*
- Industry must continue to provide thought leadership and innovate mechanisms outside traditional procurement – *advocate for unsolicited bids.*
- South Africa needs support of the industry to increase the uptake of PPPs for accelerated infrastructure development and making significant impact on the economy and job creation.

Solutions :

Moving away from reactive infrastructure development

- Financing predicated on integrated process (*move away from fragmented planning towards integrated holistic demand planning models*).
- Integrate funding of hardware (*buildings & infrastructure assets*) supported through adequate built environment skills (*software*).
- Pursue development based on forecasted needs-based analysis per location *utilizing AI models for future mapping* across all fiscally funded infrastructure plans & strategies.

Solutions :

Adopt market maker & stimulant approach to infrastructure delivery

- Originate projects as Consulting Engineers fraternity – *play a role in early-stage project development (prefeasibility studies): use of Project Concept Design Competition for evaluation by procuring agents (Organs of state).*
- Influence innovation in Public Procurement leveraging new Public Procurement Act 28 of 2024 to address infrastructure funding & delivery gaps – *Unsolicited Bids & Proposals in the context of new Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework.*
- Government Assurance to private sector that projects will integrate the sponsor's commercial objectives and development of abuse-free framework for unsolicited bids.

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