



# NATIONAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: TOWARDS A RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

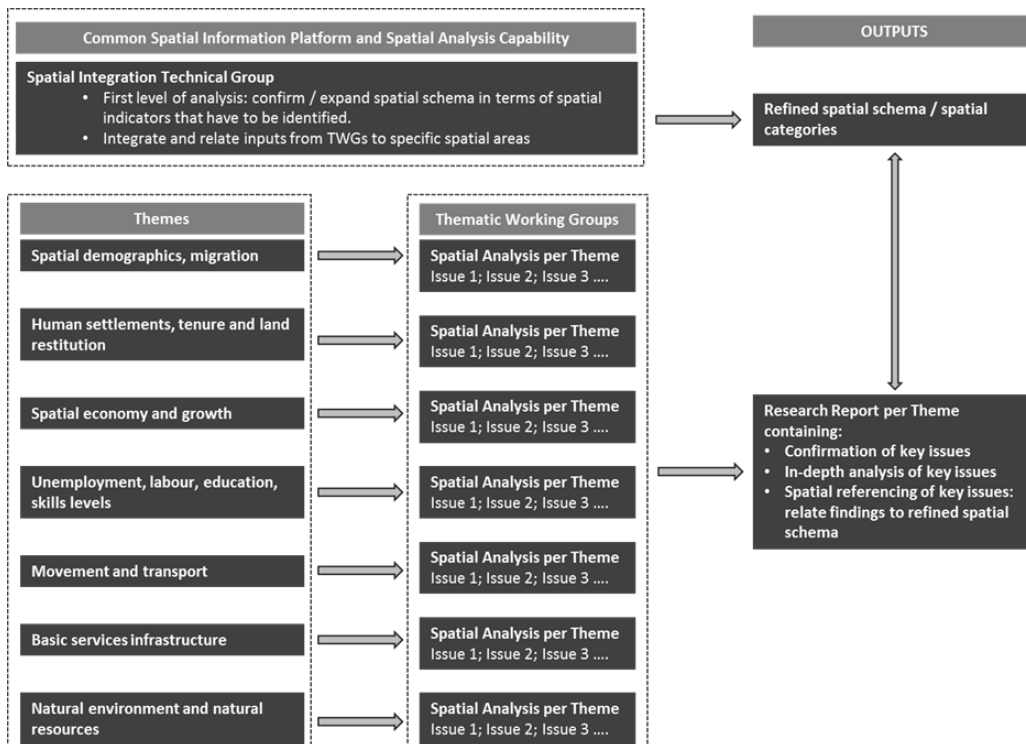
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## SNIPPETS FROM THE STUDY

| Research Themes                                   | Key Aspects   |
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| Spatial demographics and migration                | Spatial distribution of population and aspects such as growth, household sizes, vulnerable groups, migration trends.  |
| Human settlements, tenure and land restitution    | Housing, supportive social services, access to land and land restitution, security of tenure.   |
| Spatial economy and growth                        | Spatial concentration of economic activity, spatial distribution of sectors, economic growth and decline, supportive infrastructure, economic potential                     |
| Unemployment, labour, education and skills levels | Spatial dimension of unemployment, labour absorption issues, spatial accessibility of employment, also relating employment to access to education and current skills level. |
| Movement and Transport                            | Movement network including infrastructure, volumes and types of movement, trends. Transport in a developmental context, support for economic development.                   |
| Basic services infrastructure                     | Water, sanitation and energy infrastructure, access to basic services, service availability for economic development.   |
| Natural environment and resources                 | Protection of natural environment, natural resources including minerals, land capability.   |



## PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name : National Spatial Development Framework: Towards A Research Framework, 2015  
 Client : Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR)  
 Project by : Akanya Development Solutions and Kena Consultants

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 16 of 2013 (SPLUMA) requires that a National Spatial Development Framework (NSDF) be developed to guide the spatial restructuring of the country for the next 20-30 years. Akanya assisted Kena Consultants in preparing a research framework that detailed the expected structure and content of the NSDF. The research framework looked extensively at the following:

- General problem statement
- Role and purpose of NSDF
- An exploration of past and present approaches to spatial targeting in South African policy documents and other initiatives
- A proposed approach towards formulating the NSDF
- Based on this approach, key research themes / questions that were researched and analysed in depth in the Investigative Phase

In addition, the report provided guidance on the composition of stakeholder groups that were linked to the identified research themes, and guidelines in the terms of reference of the Thematic Working Groups.

## PROJECT OUTCOME

The Research Framework was concluded with the detailed set of TOR for the planned National Spatial Development Framework. The Research Framework was adopted as the guideline for research work which followed in the next phase of the NSDF project.