









Programme for OECD Mission to the Gauteng City-Region 19th-23rd July 2010

DAY 1: 19th July 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Purpose	Lead / Facilitator	Stakeholders involved
12h30-13h00	Hotel pickup and transfer	Pick up from hotel and transfer to the venue			
13h00-14h00	University of Johannesburg Conference Center at School of Tourism and Hospitality Management	Lunch	Introductory meet and greet lunch	Gauteng Planning Commission	OoP, GPC, Review Steering Committee, GCRO, OECD
14h00-16h30	University of Johannesburg Conference Center at School of Tourism and Hospitality Management	Introductory session	1) Enable OECD team members, local team members and the Gauteng Territorial Review Steering Committee to get to know one another 2) Clarify the objectives of the Mission and structure of the programme 3) Discuss particular needs and interests and how these can be accommodated 4) Begin the deliberations with a brief presentation from the GCRO giving an overview of Gauteng, leading to open ended discussion	Gauteng Planning Commission	OoP, GPC, Review Steering Committee, GCRO, OECD
16h30-18h30	Return to hotel	Return to hotel	Return to hotel to freshen up. Time may be used by experts or peer reviews to set up specific linkages or interviews for the week		
18h30-19h00	Hotel pickup and transfer	Pick up from hotel and transfer to the venue			
19h00	University of the Witwatersrand, Council Dining Room	University of the Witwatersrand Deputy Vice-Chancellor to host an official dinner	Welcome by Wits and UJ University Deputy Vice-Chancellors	University of the Witwatersrand	OECD, Belinda Bozzoli (head of Wits delegation), Fiona Tregenna (head of UJ delegation), OoP, GPC, GCRO

1











DAY 2: 20th July 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Purpose	Lead / Facilitator	Stakeholders involved
08h00-08h30	Hotel pickup and transfer	Pick up from hotel and transfer to the venue			
08h30-10h30	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Overview discussion of Gauteng's past progress, current challenges and forward looking key strategies, especially Gauteng's Medium-Term Strategic Framework and Employment Growth and Development Strategy	1) Provide an opportunity for the Gauteng Provincial Government to reflect to OECD delegates on past progress and current priorities 2) Enable OECD delegates to ask questions about current opportunities and challenges 3) Give an opportunity to the Gauteng Provincial Government to inform the OECD about key plans and initiatives going forward, notably with respect to the Medium Term Strategic Framework, key strategies such as the Gauteng Employment Growth & Development Strategy, and longer term strategic perspectives such as the G2055	Gauteng Planning Commission	OoP, GPC, Review Steering Committee, GCRO, OECD
10h30-11h00	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Tea break			
11h00-12h30	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Economic development 1: Unemployment and labour market access challenges, labour market intermediation, skills development interventions	1) Help the OECD understand the nature and extent of Gauteng's unemployment challenges, and particular dynamics within this such as youth unemployment 2) Enable OECD delegates to ask questions about the functioning of the labour market in Gauteng 3) Give an opportunity to the Gauteng Provincial Government to inform the OECD about how inclusive growth, employment creation and decent work have been included in key Gauteng strategies 4) Allow for discussion on the details and impact of key labour market intermediation strategies and programmes, such as the EPWP	Department of Economic Development	DED, Dept of Education, GCRA, academic specialists and other stakeholders, GCRO, OECD
		Governance 1: Institutional arrangements for governance, key intergovernmental relations challenges, and cooperative governance structures and systems	Help the OECD understand the institutional structure of government in Gauteng, and key strengths and weaknesses in the current arrangements Enable OECD delegates to ask questions about the functioning of government arrangements, such as with	Office of the Premier	DLGH, Dept of Finance, municipalities, academic specialists and other stakeholders, GCRO, OECD











			regard to the distribution of competencies between spheres, the financing of functions, the systems for political oversight, etc 3) Give an opportunity for the Gauteng Provincial Government and municipalities to reflect jointly to the OECD on intergovernmental relations systems and structures, and key strengths and weaknesses in these 4) Allow government to highlight key plans or initiatives to strengthen co-operative relations going forward		
12h30-13h30	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Lunch break. (note that OECD Secretary General, Mr. Angel Gurria, will be delivering a public lecture at Wits on OECD's Innovation Strategy. Venue is Wits University, 1st floor, New Commerce Building, Borkhum and Hair Room, West Campus: 12h30-13h30)			
13h30-15h00	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Social development 1: Poverty and inequality, social safety nets, and Gauteng's social development strategies	1) Help the OECD understand the nature and extent of Gauteng's poverty and inequality challenges, and particular dynamics within this such as the rapid urbanisation of poverty in South Africa, and the continued racial structuring of poverty and inequality 2) Give an opportunity to the Gauteng Provincial Government to inform the OECD about key strategies to address poverty and inequality, with a particular focus on the efforts of the GPG itself 3) Allow for discussion on the details and impact of key past and existing programmes, such as Bana Pele, and emerging future programmes, such as those in the Gauteng's newly adopted Green Economy Strategy to address food security	Department of Health & Social Development	DID, Education, Rural Development, academic specialists and other stakeholders, GCRO, OECD
		Spatial development 1: Spatial structure challenges, and Gauteng's future spatial development frameworks	1) Help the OECD understand the spatial structure of the province 2) Help the OECD understand how both provincial and local government are grappling with the spatial legacies of apartheid and current spatial trends 3) Give an opportunity to the Gauteng Provincial Government to inform the OECD about the recently approved Gauteng Spatial Framework, and plans to take this forward 4) Allow for discussion on how the provincial framework fits	Gauteng Planning Commission and Department of Economic Development	DRT, DLGH, DARD, municipalities, academic specialists and other stakeholders, GCRO, OECD









University Corner Braamfontein, Johannesburg Private Bag 3 Wits 2050 T: +27 (0)11 717 7280 info@gcro.ac.za

			with local spatial frameworks and plans to address challenges in the form and fabric of settlements in city-region		
15h00-15h30		Transfer to the Wits School of Architecture and Planning			
15h30-18h00	Wits School of Architecture and Planning	Joint seminar with the Centre for Urbanism and Built Environment Studies (CUBES). OECD presentations from OECD Secretariat members, peer reviewers and international experts	This is a knowledge-sharing and peer learning session	CUBES	GCRO, OECD, Wits and UJ academia and invited specialists
18h00-	Return to hotel				











DAY 3: 21st July 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Purpose	Lead / Facilitator	Stakeholders involved
07h15-09h00	Hotel pickup and transfer	Travel to Pretoria for series of meetings			
09h00-11h00	Presidency	Governance 2: Meeting at the Presidency: Key national government initiatives and plans to strengthen systems of government, incl: key national outcomes, M&E, strengthening municipal governance, single public service, etc	To discuss: 1) the new outcomes approach in government 2) building of a National Planning Commission, and national M&E system 3) progress on key national planning frameworks such as the NSDP 4) changes underway or envisaged to strengthen local government 5) other proposed or possible institutional or systems changes, eg the single public service, aligning national/provincial/local terms of office, etc	Office of the Presidency	Gauteng Planning Commission, SALGA, National departments such as COGTA and National Treasury, GCRO, OECD
11h00-11h45	Transfer to Automotive Industry Supplier Park	Departure from Presidency and transfer to Automotive Industry Supplier Park			
11h45-13h15	Automotive Industry Supplier Park	Economic development 2: Field visit to Automotive Industry Supplier Park in Roslyn. Light refreshments will be available at the Supplier Park	To see a government sponsored initiative to build an automotive industry cluster, and to discuss its impact In the process of the visit, to discuss industrial/sector strategies, and facilitated clustering of industries in Gauteng	Department of Economic Development and Blue IQ	Gauteng Planning Commission, OECD, GCRO
13h15-14h45	Field visit	Spatial development 2: Field visit continues to see northern reaches of city-region. Ends at the Innovation Hub	1) To see how far the city region stretches, and the scale of displaced urbanization settlements created by apartheid 2) raise for debate both what it will take, and what policy options are available, to address this en	Gauteng Planning Commission / GCRO	Gauteng Planning Commission, OECD, GCRO
15h00-17h00	Innovation Hub	Economic development 3: Innovation and R&D. Time allowing the session may end with a brief overview of the Innovation Hub itself	1) Receive a brief presentation from the HSRC commissioned to research Innovation & R&D in Gauteng for the Review 2) Allow the OECD to ask questions about R&D investment in Gauteng, regional innovation systems in the province, etc 3) Allow for discussion on key national, provincial and local government projects and initiatives to foster R&D and innovation in the province	Economic Development	Department of Economic Development; Blue IQ; HSRC; selected academic specialists
17h00-18h30	Return to hotel	Return to hotel			









University Corner Braamfontein, Johannesburg Private Bag 3 Wits 2050 T: +27 (0)11 717 7280 info@gcro.ac.za

18h45-20h00	At hotel or nearby venue	Economic development 4: Informal discussion with DDG from the national Economic Development Department on key national government economic interventions and strategies, including progress on a national 'growth path', national responses to the economic crisis, etc	1) To give the OECD an opportunity to engage informally with the lead official on the national growth path process, to understand what the process entails, and key policy routes being taken	Informal discussion with DDG: EDD	OECD
18h45-		Free evening for OECD delegates not engaging with DDG: EDD			











DAY 4: 22nd July 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Purpose	Lead / Facilitator	Stakeholders involved
08h00-08h30	Hotel pickup and transfer	Pick up from hotel and transfer to the venue			
08h30-10h00	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Economic development 5: International attractiveness, international investment, localization, and future growth opportunities with special reference to green growth	1) Enable the OECD to understand economic investment trends and dynamics in the province, both from the perspective of international inward investment, and facilitated local investment 2) Allow GPG the opportunity to reflect to OECD on the impact of past strategies and programmes to facilitate international attractiveness and investment (eg the work of GEDA) 3) Allow for discussion on constraints to investment (costs of doing business, crime, skills etc) and how these are being addressed by provincial and local government 4) Allow for discussion on how the province is understanding future economic investment opportunities, with special reference to green growth	Department of Economic Development	GPC, GEDA, G:DARD, municipalities, GCRO, OECD
	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Social development 2: Municipal social development strategies, especially addressing basic service backlogs and social packages of free basic services	1) As a follow up to the earlier discussion (social development 1) on provincially led social development strategies, to enable the OECD to understand municipal led social development strategies and programmes, with special reference to the provision of free-basic services 2) Allow for discussion on how municipal led social development programmes complement, and fit with, national and provincial social wage policies	Department of Local Government and Housing	DLGH, municipalities, GCRO, OECD
10h00-10h15	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Tea break			
10h15-11h45	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Economic development 6: Local/community economic development, entrepreneurship, small business development	1) Enable the OECD to understand trends in small business development, and facilitated community-level economic opportunity creation 2) Allow GPG and municipalities to reflect to the OECD on strategies and programmes to encourage LED, support small business, and unlock entrepreneurship 3) Allow for discussion on what impact these programmes are having	Department of Economic Development / Gauteng Enterprise Propeller	Municipalities, municipalities, GCRO, OECD











	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Sustainability 1: Sustainability challenges, natural resources / energy / environmental management, growth management	1) Enable the OECD to understand key environmental sustainability challenges facing the Gauteng City-Region, with reference to water sustainability, energy sustainability, pollution, and climate change impacts 2) Allow for discussion on what measures are being taken by government and business to improve prospects for sustainability, mitigate the impacts of climate change, etc	GDARD	DLGH, municipalities, selected academic and civil society stakeholders, GCRO, OECD
11h45-12h00	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Tea break			
12h00-13h30	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Social development 3: Health and education, including key education challenges and strategies, access to health care, etc	1) Enable the OECD to engage GPG in discussion around key health challenges, and what strategies and programmes are being designed/implemented to improve health and health services 2) Enable the OECD to engage GPG in discussion around key education challenges, and what strategies and programmes are being designed/implemented to improve education prospects and services	Dept of Education/ GCRA	DHSD
		Spatial development 3: Housing, informal settlements, planning for inclusion, sustainable human settlement planning	1) Enable the OECD to understand key trends in the area of human shelter, and residential development 2) Give GPG and municipalities an opportunity to reflect on key policies and strategies to provide affordable accommodation to poorer residents 3) Enable a discussion on the impacts of housing policy choices that have been made, and what adjustments are envisaged to ensure that the human settlements being development by government are more sustainable	Department of Local Government and Housing	GPC, DED, municipalities, selected academic and civil society stakeholders, GCRO, OECD
13h30-14h15	Hofmeyr House at Wits	Lunch			
14h15-18h00	Field visit	Field visit to Soweto, to inter alia meet with the Soweto Business Council	1) To enable the OECD delegation to see one of the largest settlements defined by apartheid, and what efforts are being made to transform it 2) To allow for a brief interaction between the OECD and a community based business association, to discuss business perspectives on economic opportunities and challenges in the area, and the impact of government strategies and programmes	Gauteng Planning Commission and Department of Economic Development	GCRO, OECD
18h30-	Emonyeni Conference Centre	Official Dinner hosted by the Gauteng Planning Commission		Gauteng Planning Commission	OoP, GPC, Review Steering Committee, GCRO, OECD











DAY 5: 23rd July 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Purpose	Lead / Facilitator	Stakeholders involved
08h00-08h30	Hotel pickup and transfer	Pick up from hotel and transfer to the venue			
08h30-10h00	Field visit	Social development 4: Group to go on field visit drops other group off at venue and continues. Migration, immigration and assimilation, access to justice and human rights; social cohesion: discussions during field visit to Ethiopian Quarter, Hotel Yeoville Project, etc in Inner City Johannesburg	1) Enable the OECD to view how the inner city cores of key nodes of the Gauteng function as points of access for migrants and immigrants 2) To see, and raise for discussion, the implications of this (for patterns of assimilation, social exclusion, etc) with reference to selected sites in the Johannesburg inner city	GCRO / City of Johannesburg	DHSD, OECD, GCRO
	City of Johannesburg, venue TBC	Spatial development 4: Key transport and mobility plans for Gauteng (Gautrain, BRT, Highway Improvement Project, etc, and intergovernmental co-ordination)	1) Enable the OECD to understand key trends in the area of mobility and transport in Gauteng 2) Give GPG and municipalities an opportunity to reflect on key policies and strategies to provide improved public transport 3) Enable a discussion on the impacts of transport policy choices that have been made, and what future plans are possible and desirable	Department of Transport	DED, GPC, DLGH, municipalities, GCRO, OECD
10h00-10h15	City of Johannesburg, venue TBC	Tea break			
10h15-11h45	Field visit	Social development 4: (cont) Field visit continues. Migration, immigration and assimilation, access to justice and human rights; social cohesion: discussions during field visit to Ethiopian Quarter, Hotel Yeoville Project, etc in Inner City Johannesburg	1) Enable the OECD to view how the inner city cores of key nodes of the Gauteng function as points of access for migrants and immigrants 2) To see, and raise for discussion, the implications of this (for patterns of assimilation, social exclusion, etc) with reference to selected sites in the Johannesburg inner city	GCRO / City of Johannesburg	DHSD, OECD, GCRO
	City of Johannesburg, venue TBC	Governance 3: Same group as for Spatial development 4 stays in same venue. Municipal integrated development planning, ward based planning, ward committees and CDWs, community participation	1) Enable the OECD to understand legislative and policy provisions supporting community involvement in government planning and decision making, with special reference to municipal ward based planning 2) Allow for provincial and local government to reflect on what policies and practices to enable community participation are working, and what future improvements are envisaged	Department of Housing & Local Government / City of Johannesburg	Academic specialists and civil society stakeholders, Salga Gauteng, municipalities, OECD, GCRO









University Corner Braamfontein, Johannesburg Private Bag 3 Wits 2050 T: +27 (0)11 717 7280 info@gcro.ac.za

12h00-2	University of Johannesburg Conference Center at School of Tourism and Hospitality Management	=	This session will allow feedback and interaction among GPG representatives, members of the Steering Committee, GCRO and OECD	 OoP, GPC, Review Steering Committee, GCRO, OECD
14h00		Close		

ENDS