

# WORKSHOP TO IMPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMA & REGULATIONS

MRLGHRD PERSPECTIVE

# MRLGHRD MANDATE

- The **Minister** of RLGHRD is, by virtue of powers vested in him through various acts and ordinances, the Controlling Authority related to town and regional planning matters.
- The Minister is, i.t.o the above planning legislation, responsible **to ensure the co-ordinated and harmonious development in Namibia in such a way that will promote the health, safety, order, amenity, convenience and general welfare of all their inhabitants**.
- The Minister is **also** responsible for the efficiency and economy in the process of development, i.e N&D considerations, township establishment, control of development, subdivision of land, municipal services provision, strategic spatial planning, land management, regional & local government, rural development and housing

# Applicable bodies

- NAMPAB
- Townships Board
- Local Authorities
- Regional Authorities
- Coordinating committees
- Housing & Habitat

**All affected by environmental legislation**

# MRLGHRD's NDP4 RESPONSIBILITY

- MRLGHRD has been tasked through NDP4 to address the creation of an enabling environment, job creation, and eradicating poverty by:
  - Amending outdated legislation
  - Ensuring efficient land delivery;
  - Ensuring access to serviced land;
  - Providing a robust & effective housing delivery

# DEVELOPMENT DEMAND

- **NAMPAB** applications to Minister for period  
May 2012 to May 2013 = 138
- **Townships Board** applications to Minister for  
period February 2012 to December 2012  
= 248

# CHALLENGES & CONSTRAINTS

- **Lengthy procedures before delivery:**

- process starts at local authority with public participation and local authority decision ( $\pm 6-12$  months);
- process continues at Townships Board ( $\pm 2$  to 6 months); or prior to that
- process requires Minister's approval through NAMPAB ( $\pm 4-12$  months)
- process for surveying and registration follows ( $\pm 6-12$  months)

- ❖ EMA will inevitably cause further (unnecessary) delays, thereby impacting on efficient delivery

# CHALLENGES & CONSTRAINTS (2)

- **Budget Constraints**

- Decentralized planning function places burden on local authorities and individuals who now have to budget for EMA's apart from planning expenditure

- **Duplication**

- A further public participation process is prescribed by the EMA, which is not only a duplication of funds and time, but also has the potential to restrict and even bring to a standstill any development

# SOLUTION PROPOSALS

- NITRP input on amending EMA & Regulations
- MET to compile a SEA for Namibia
- MET to engage further discussion, especially sub-national governments
- MET to budget for financial assistance to compile SEA's for local and regional structure plans