



Local Economic Development Strategy for Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain

Client

City of Cape Town

Objectives

The City of Cape Town commissioned Buyolo Business Advisory Services to present a framework for an accelerated local economic development (LED) strategy for the two metro south-east townships of Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain (combined known as Khayaplain). Both these townships have been on the Urban Renewal Programme (URP) pilot since 2003, thus benefiting from the national government development funds.

Tactics employed

- Reviewing past research undertaken on aspects of Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha's LED
- Consulting Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain stakeholders,
- Reviewing international literature on LED efforts in developing economies
- Reviewing documents produced by national-government departments as well as the PGWC
- Reviewing documentation on LED-related topics, issues and projects produced by City of Cape Town departments.
- Discussions with public-sector officials and private-sector as well as civil-society stakeholders.

Outcomes

- Presented an overview of the basic LED facts and trends in Khayaplain
- Profiled LED drivers and players
- Outlined an LED vision of Khayaplain

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- Identified the local and provincial forces and support agencies relevant to Khayaplain
- Explored key strategy dimensions (sector development, enterprise development, spatial development and lead projects)
- Developed Khayaplain LED implementation framework including institutional arrangements, marketing thrust as well as monitoring and evaluation

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