

# The Public Participation and Petitions Masterclass on Community Participation, Consultation And Stakeholder Engagement Strategies for Legislators, Councilors And Public Participation Professionals 2015

Effective Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategies to drive Service Delivery

16 – 17 April 2015, Edward Protea Hotel, Durban



## About the Masterclass

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## What's on the Program?

- Principles of Public Participation: Core Values of Public Participation and Community Engagement Strategies
- Public Participation and Policy Making: Current Status and Future Directions for South Africa
- Legislative Mechanisms for Public Participation: How effective are they?
- What are the participatory mechanisms and how effective they are?
- Public Accountability, Monitoring and Evaluation at Legislative and Municipal Levels
- Public and Community Participation in Municipalities: The Primacy of Community Participation in IDPs

## Why should you attend this event?

- Hear from the highest level speakers discussing issues that matter most
- Learn from practical examples to apply and drive results in your work stations
- Network and build relationships with other senior executives from the Legislative Sector
- Share best practice models and learn from other industries
- Participate, explore and understand through panel discussions and Q&A sessions

## Who should attend?

- Speakers/ Deputy Speakers
- Chief Whips/ Party Whips
- Mayors/ Deputy Mayors
- Speakers/ MMCs/Councillors
- Public Participation Professionals
- Government Officials
- Chair of Chairs/ Deputy Chair of Chairs
- Chairperson of Committees/ Deputy Chair of Committees
- Chairs of Portfolio/Select and Standing Committees
- Members of Provincial Legislatures
- CEOs/ Secretaries of Legislatures
- Coordinators/ Researchers/ Administrators
- Academics and Consultants

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## **Dear Delegate**

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Thus, the Masterclass addresses an important subject, for this reason, it is a must for all Members of Legislators, Councillors and Government Officials wishing to enhance their understanding of Public Participation, Petitions and Community Engagement Strategies.

The venue for the Masterclass is ideally located next to the Indian Ocean beach front, with its beautiful surroundings, good scenery and good weather, the Edward Protea Hotel promises a professional but relaxed atmosphere.

## **Program**

### **Day One**

#### **09:00 Keynote Opening Address:**

#### **Principles of Public Participation: Core Values of Public Participation and Community Engagement Strategies**

- Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process
- Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision
- Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers
- Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision

#### **10:00 Keynote International Address:**

#### **Planning for Effective Public Participation**

- The full scope of planning needed for effective public participation
- The foundations of public participation on which to build effective processes
- Ways to identify communities and their issues
- How to select the appropriate level of public participation
- How to set clear, shared objectives for effective public participation
- How to develop a public participation plan

### **11:00 Convenience Break**

#### **11:15 Keynote Address:**

#### **Contextualizing Public Participation in South Africa:**

#### **Role of Traditional Structures in Participatory Governance for improved Rural Service Delivery, Transparency and Accountability**

#### **12:00 Keynote Address:**

#### **Public Participation and Policy Making: Current Status and Future Directions for South Africa**

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## **13:00 Luncheon**

### **14:00 Keynote Address:**

#### **Legislative Mechanisms for Public Participation: How effective are they?**

#### **What are the mechanisms and how effective are they?**

- Allocating MPLs to constituency areas and building constituency periods into the parliamentary schedule
- Convening public hearings on legislation being debated by portfolio committees and calling for oral and written submissions
- Providing for members of the public to raise issues with or make submissions to portfolio committees on any other issue falling within the jurisdiction of those committees
- Site visits by portfolio committees
- Public outreach and education initiatives, including radio programmes, road shows, publications and workshops

### **15:00 Keynote International Address:**

#### **Public and Community Participation in Municipalities:**

#### **Role of the Municipality in improving the various Forms of Public Participation and Participatory Democracy**

- Effective participation mechanisms in municipalities
- The role of the committees in enhancing public participation
- The impact of road-shows in soliciting inputs from the communities who would ordinarily have no voice at all in the policy-making process or on the services they receive
- Innovations in public participation

### **16:00 The Primacy of Community Participation in IDPs:**

#### **Developing IDPs through Public Participation within Local Government**

## **17:00 End of Day One**

## **Day Two**

### **09:00 Keynote Address:**

#### **The Politics of Public Participation: A South African perspective**

#### **Investigating the effectiveness of public participation and accountability processes in the Legislatures and Municipalities**

### **10:00 Building Community Capacity to Engage with Municipalities/Legislatures:**

#### **Assessing the effectiveness of community based involvement**

Public consultation is crucial for the consolidation of our democracy. The session will therefore investigate whether opportunities and processes for public participation are accessible to civil society organisations and the public.

## **11:00 Convenience break**

### **11:15 Contextual Constraints Affecting Women Participation in Governance Processes**

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**12:00 Case Study:**

**Meaningful Public Involvement Public Participation in Budget Processes:**

**OR**

**Investigating the Effectiveness of South Africa's Public Participation and Accountability Processes in Municipalities**

**13:00 Luncheon**

**14:00 Engaging Civil Society in Governance Processes:**

**The Role of the NGOs and Civil Organizations in Public Participation and Community Engagement Strategies**

**15:00 Public Participation and Improved Accountability in Policy, Governance and Accountability Processes:**

**Public Accountability, Monitoring and Evaluation at Legislative and Municipal Levels**

**16:00 Challenges of Public Participation in the Legislative Sector and in Municipalities**

**End of Masterclass**

# REGISTRATION FORM

## The Public Participation and Petitions Masterclass on Community Participation, Consultation And Stakeholder Engagement Strategies for Legislators, Councilors And Public Participation Professionals 2015

**R10 480.00 Per Delegate Excl VAT**

The above registration fee includes all training materials, lunch, refreshments

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