

CE RE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES - EASTERN CAPE REGION - REPORT
MARCH 1990.

1. Background:

It must be stated that the outset that CD8 in the Eastern Cape region has only begun to function effectively since January 1990. There is only now a regional committee, and Study Commissions have yet to be constituted and begin research work.

We recognise that policy research is a crucial issue, and there is recognition in the region of the importance of CDS's role. It is clear that CBS in the Eastern Cape is very far behind. A number of factors have contributed towards this, including the detention of UDF leadership until April 1989, the restructuring of organisations during 1989, and the general lack of resources and skilled people in the Eastern Cape. Although the Eastern Cape has strong grassroots organisation and competent political leadership, there is a great lack where it comes to . academic/intellectual resources and the resource-base which is provided by universities and service organisations in other regions.

Below follows a brief chronology of the developments in the CDS Eastern Cape region to date:

2. Chronology:

August 1989:

Border CDS representatives explained CDS to a small group of UDF comrades in Port Elizabeth. Decision to organise a 'mini-workshop' which would elect a steering committee to organise a representative regional workshop.

September 1989:

Mini consultative workshop held in Port Elizabeth. PE, . Grahamstown and Cradock present. Steering committee elected to -consult with organisations in the region and inform them of CBS -plan and organise the regional workshop in November

October 1989:

- Three meetings of Steering Committee to arrange consultations
- Consultative meetings with NADEL, NAMDA, PEWO, NEUSA, PEAC.
- Meeting with PEBCO/MDM on electricity. Request for urgent establishment of Local Government and Planning Study Commission.
- Meeting of Steering Committee with PLANACT and SPD/National Co-ordinator of CD8 LGP Commission.
- Delegation to Harare LGP Conference consisting of Khaya Matiso (CDS/NECC); Mike Nzotoyi (PEBCO); Mike Xhego (PEYCO); Glen Goosen (PEAC/NADEL); Kobus Pienaar (NADEL). Preparation of
 - a) Research proposal for electrification of townships
 - b) Proposal for establishment of LGPC in Port Elizabeth
 - 0) Report on Local Government and Planning in Eastern Cape.

November 1989:

- Two meetings of Steering Committee to plan workshop.
- Consultations with YCS, NAYCO, Midlands (Cradock, Steynsburg, Graaff-Reinett, Middelburg, Richmond), Grahamstown.
- Report-back from Harare LGP conference to PE organisations.

December 1989:

- Two meetings of Steering Committee to plan workshop.
- Consultations with PEBCO, IDAMASA.
- CDS Regional Forum Workshop, 17 December. (See minutes)
- Representative to National LGP Workshop on 16 December.

January 1990:

- CDS Regional bank account opened.
- Three meetings of Working Committee to plan follow-up workshop.
- CDS Regional Forum Workshop, 28 January. (See minutes).

February 1990:

- National Land Commission workshop in PE, 17 February.
- Local Government workshop with PEPCO and PARC.
- Consultation with Uitenhage Civic about LGPC.
- Decision to find offices and advertise two posts: Regional Co-ordinator/Fieldworker, and Regional Administrator/Resource Co-ordinator.
- Consultation with COSATU local.
- Consultation with certain academics.

3. Current situation: March 1990.

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0) Offices:

An office has been obtained in Port Elizabeth which will be available from April.

d) Staff:

Two positions - for Regional Co-ordinator/Fieldworker, and Regional Administrator/Resource Co-ordinator - have been advertised. Committee will assess applications at end of March.

e) Progress of Study Commissions:

No Study Commissions are as yet established. However,

- Local Government and Planning: It will be clear from the chronology that a fair amount of work has taken place in this area already. The Commission needs to be properly constituted. When funding is available and a suitable person is found, the work of this commission can begin. National and international workshops have been attended by Eastern Cape representatives.

- Economy: The convenor of this commission is in the process of consulting with COSATU and others and the commission will be established shortly. He will attend national workshop of this commission in March.

- Education: The convenor is arranging a workshop with NECC and NEUSA to define a research programme for the region. He will attend national workshop of this commission in March.