

Quarterly CSP Metro Update on Implementation of the Doing Business Reform Programme, June 2020

National Treasury's Cities Support Programme implements the Sub-National Doing Business (SNDB) Reform programme in partnership with the 8 Metros. This programme is a national initiative that aligns with the reforms driven through the World Bank's annual Doing Business (DB) Survey that takes place in 190 countries. The DB Survey provides comparative measures across countries across 10 indicators over the life-cycle of a small business. Of these 10 indicators only 3 - Dealing with Construction Permits, Getting Electricity and Registering Property - have a high level of dependency on the performance of the sub-national sphere of government in South Africa. The performance of the remaining indicators - Starting a Business, Getting Credit, Protecting Minority Investors, Paying Taxes, Trading Across Borders, Enforcing Contracts and Resolving Insolvency - lie primarily within the ambit of national government.

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, together with Invest SA, drive the national reform process in collaboration with the Presidency and National Treasury. The DTIC has set up 5 Technical Working Groups (TWGs) with relevant public and private stakeholders to drive the national reform process. These TWGs focus on: Starting a Business, Dealing with Construction Permits, Getting Electricity, Registering Property, Paying Taxes and Trading Across Borders.

The relevant National Treasury's line function departments and CSP participate in the TWGs. The CSP focuses on ensuring alignment between the SNDB and DB reform programmes and that cities are able to participate and lobby within these platforms. The CSP is preparing quarterly metro updates on the work of the DB TWGs in order to facilitate communication flows.

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