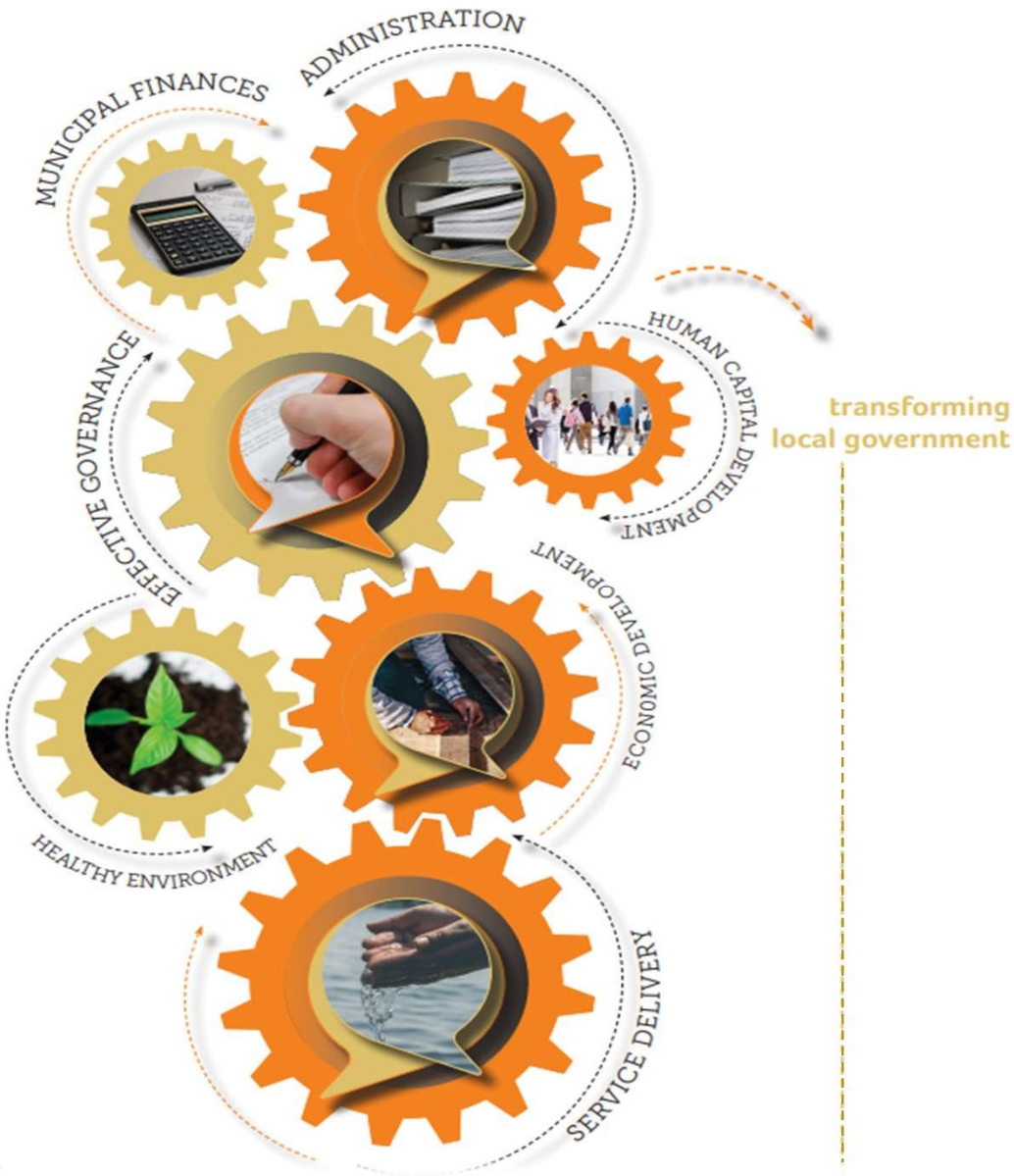

LOCAL GOVERNEMENT PERSPECTIVE - WASTE MANAGEMENT

WASTE KHORO 2019: ASBESTOS AND LAND REMEDIATION SUMMIT

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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BACKGROUND

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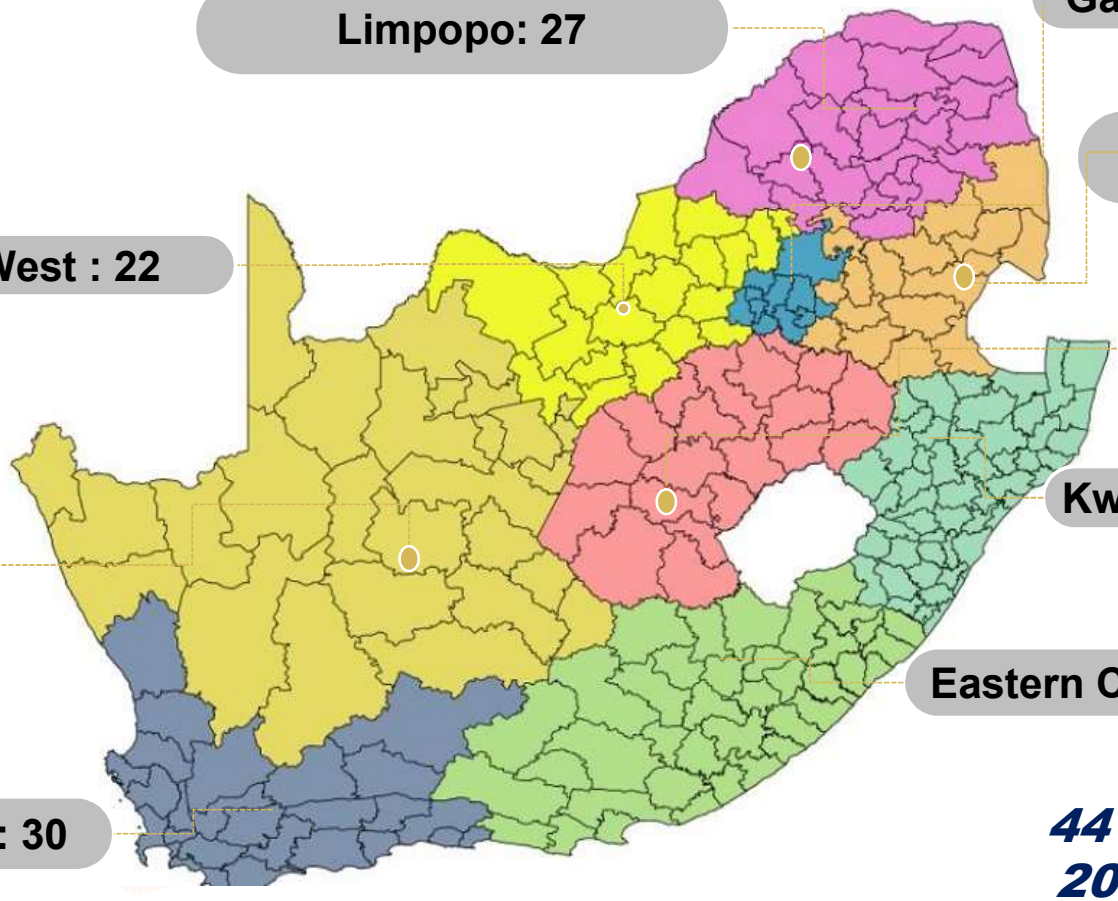
WALL TO WALL MUNICIPALITIES (257)



8 Metros
44 District Municipalities
205 Local Municipalities

Municipalities are expected to deliver on section 152 of the Constitution

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- Municipal council must strive within its capacity to achieve its objectives:
  - Provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
  - Ensure the **provision of services** to communities in a sustainable manner;
  - Promote a safe and healthy environment;
  - Promote **social and economic** development;
  - Encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in matters of local government

WASTE MANAGEMENT VALUE CHAIN

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MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Constitutional responsibility of municipalities in i.r.o waste management services
  - Refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal (Part B of Schedule 5)
  - Cleansing
- The Waste Act advocate for a shift from traditional way of managing waste which focuses on collection and disposal
- The emphasis now is to manage waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy, which was introduced by the White Paper on Integrated Pollution and Waste Management of the year 2000

FUNDING FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

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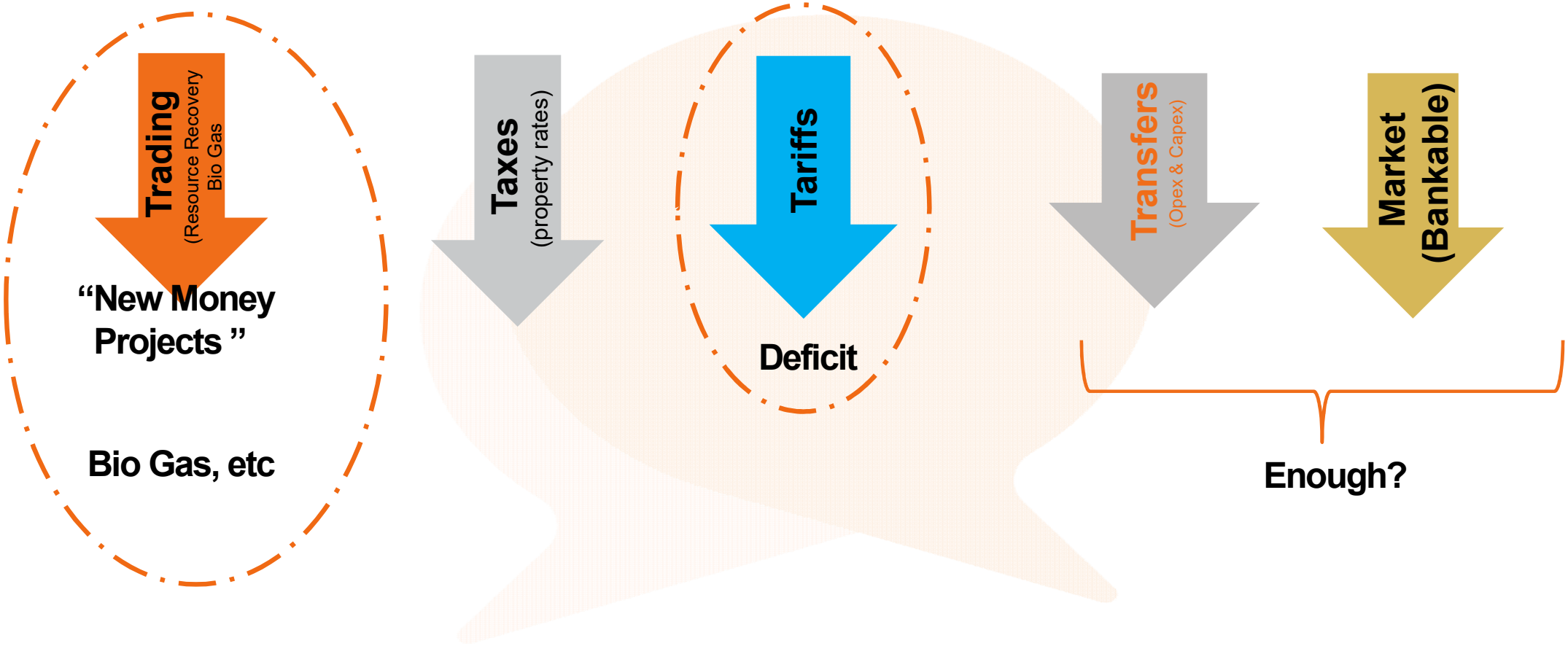

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- The sustainability of delivery of solid waste services in local government is constrained by severe fiscal challenges.
- The structure of capital financing for waste services is not optimal, for instance MIG currently makes provision for funding of only fixed infrastructure such as the landfill sites, transfer stations and etc
- The unique scenario for waste management, unlike other basic services, is that domestic waste is not transported through connector infrastructure like pipes or cable, etc. However, the specialised vehicles are required.

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- In most cases, landfill sites tend to receive less waste whilst public spaces are filled with waste due to:
  - lack of infrastructure for transporting waste, especially at previously unserved and under-serviced areas
- **Isn't the time to relook at the MIG policy?**

INDUSTRIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS

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- Commend DEFF for requesting Industry (Paper and Packaging industry, Electrical and Lighting) to develop and submit their plans on how waste generated out of their products is going to be managed (i.e. these plans should include recycling and job targets, etc)
- This is a positive step by the Department in making producers responsible for the management of their waste (Extended Producer Responsibility)
- Munics requested SALGA to make a submission to the Minister on the role of private sector.

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- It is understood that Industry require recyclable materials to be as clean as possible for further processing

- This will have to be done through rolling out waste separation at source across the country.

- The levies that are being introduced through EPR should, amongst others, be responsible for financing:
  - Collection of source separated recyclables including: Personnel and protective wear and equipment, vehicles and other operational expenses
  - Communication costs to enhance the recovery of recyclables through continued information to households on how, where, when, what to recycle and why

- The Submission is on route to the Minister

WASTE PICKERS

- It is recognised that waste pickers plays an important role in the waste management sector in South Africa
- Although it is difficult to quantify the exact contribution made by the waste pickers, it is estimated to be a significant contribution
- It is important to ensure that waste pickers are **included in the existing and future plans** relating to waste management for the country

- Municipalities to implement the guideline for integrating waste pickers into the formal waste management systems

INTENDED OUTCOME

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Outcome	Options
Improve access to waste collection and disposal services	**Institutional options** • A need to consider institutional arrangements that will give waste management function options to raise capital off municipal financials (i.e. wte or any other innovation) • Is it sustainable to continue to rely on national grants or rates and taxes? • Do we have to outsource the whole service chain of the function and performed either by Municipal Entities, Private sector or CBO; the role of the municipality will be that of governance and a local regulator **Infrastructure availability** • A need for an appropriate infrastructure

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OUTCOME	OPTIONS
Changing citizen behaviour w.r.t littering and their role in keeping the environment clean	National institution for implementing a big and sustained campaign of awareness coupled with actions and provision of appropriate infrastructure at local level (Good Green Deeds) **NB:** • Messages to be aligned across the sector (both public and private) • All stakeholders to ensure sustainability
Creating a market for Recyclable waste	Facilitating establishment of Material Recovery Facilities, waste-buy- back centres for recyclable materials **What will be the role of a municipality?** • Own the infrastructure • Municipal WMOs ensure compliance with env laws? • The facility operated by SMMEs

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