Visiting Ray Nkonyeni Municipality
MASINENGE/UVONO

- **Social justice issues touching on:**
  - Housing
  - Land invasion and succession
  - Informal settlement creation and expansion
- **And land use conflict in Uvono.**
Situation

A burgeoning Informal settlement on the R61 that has led to the creation of the Alamein precinct project that includes the provision of housing for informal dwellers and the possible resolution of the long standing issue of non-conforming land uses.

The city/settlement we have

Problem A: Masinenge

- Growth/expansion of the informal settlement;
- Informal activities;
- Land invasion and succession;
- Poor living conditions on marginal lands;
- Proximity to industrial areas (employment);
  - Mining
  - Warehousing
ISSUES

Limiting the invasion
Provision of proper housing
Improvement of living/ environmental conditions
Improving the capability of the conditions municipality has to provide for them
Rehabilitation of the settlement.

The city/settlement we need should be inclusive, safe, to provide integrated active services (infrastructure, social, and economic) leading to Sustainable/ livable environment and empowerment.
Uvono

Across the R61 from Masinenge

ISSUES
Dealing with non-conforming uses emanating from a previous era (light industrial/housing)
Provision of the right mix of land uses
Public transportation including NMT
AIRPORT UPGRADING
- economic/ growth incentives
- lengthening of the runway of the local airport of Margate
- financing and sustainability of the above
  - what are the attractions?
    - Tourism
    - Business
    - Regional/business airport

ISSUES
Financing the growth expansion of the airport (lengthening the runway and other ancillary facilities)
OATLANDS LANDFILL SITE

Situation
- Waste comes from as far as Bizana and the rest of the district;
- Leachate (untreated) turned to the landfill and the stream;
- 20 plus years left for the filling up of the landfill site at current growth rate of population and waste generation (how about the future?);
- Buffer zone occupied by other land uses such as the chicken shacks at the entrance to the landfill. Insufficient buffer zone.

Issues/problems
- Resolving the issue of the invasion of the buffer zone
- Leachates returned to landfill (sprayed) and the stream!
- Management of the landfill PPP or as is (under control of the municipality)

Question of best practice, safety and environmental sustainability
- Enlarging the buffer zone
- Enforcing strict buffer zoning
- Citizen information of education
Final comments
The city we want would need to be responsive to:

• Employment opportunities.

• Sensitive to environmental challenges of the area.

• Inclusive housing environment (mixed housing types).

• Supportive infrastructural plan.

• Sustainable – environmentally
  - Resources
  - Economically

Promote integration (social and land uses among others)
The expected outcome of this task is to propose a spatial human settlement framework that is responsive to:

- Employment opportunities.
- Sensitive to environmental challenges of the area.
- Inclusive housing environment.
- Supportive infrastructural plan.
- Best practices principles and sound financial management
This requires revitalization and programmes to reinvigorate the city. We have set out a list below of what makes a successful city and believe that large doses of these are required in addition to the regeneration programmes embarked upon by the Municipality along the line of the principal theme for the ISOCARP conference, *the city we have and the city we need* in Ray Nkonyeni.
The Municipality We Need is socially inclusive, engaging and belongs to all.

is affordable, accessible and equitable; is economically vibrant and inclusive;

is collectively managed and democratically governed;

fosters cohesive territorial development (notion of communities);

is regenerative and resilient; has shared identities and sense of place;

is well planned, walkable, and transit-friendly; is safe, healthy and promotes well-being; and is innovative and responsive.
The Municipality that we need (tools to achieve the above)

Governance and **Partnerships** (inclusive of active participation);
Planning and Design; Connectivity and Mobility;
Services quality (Environment, health, housing and safety);
Economy and Livelihoods; Education and Training;
Social and Cultural; Smart growth (urban density);
Food security; and Livability