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HOUSES, SECURITY, COMFORT

Welcome to the Breaking New Ground (BNG) Newsletter of the **Department of Human Settlements**. This newsletter will keep the public informed about the work done in the past week.

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New Urban Agenda report ready for Cabinet approval



The Minister of Human Settlements Mmamoloko Kubayi hosted a stakeholder engagement with Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) in Cape Town to unpack the South African Report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The report is about how the country is tackling the challenge of integrated human settlements development in the context of rapid urbanisation. The key lever of the report was to explore how South Africa plans and manages cities, towns and villages to forge integrated human settlements within the overall goals for sustainable urban development.

"Today we are releasing the report for final comment which will be taken to Cabinet and ultimately to the United Nations (UN). We will also engage all stakeholder to provide input to the New Urban Agenda. This would be an opportunity to iron out our differences so that the country tables a comprehensive report that is supported by everyone," said Minister Kubayi

The Western Cape stakeholder engagement was the final one before the report is tabled at the United Nations towards the end of April 2022.

Housing scams on the rise



The Department of Human Settlements would like to warn the would be beneficiaries of RDP/BNG houses to be aware of various housing scams that request payment before the house is handed over or to be included in the housing. These scams appear in various social media/online platforms run by scammers claiming to be working for the Department.

"Most of these scammers target the people who applied in 1996. There are told that their houses are ready for occupation but they need to pay some money in order to be fast-tracked. **Government will never ask for any money to provide the RDP/BNG house,**" said Mandulo Maphumulo, Spokesperson for the Department of Human Settlements.

The Department would like also to warn the public not to join fake social media groups that purport to be those of the Department of Human Settlements or Provincial Department Human Settlements as these scammers uses these platforms to run fake campaigns about Human Settlements sector. Public is advised to report any fraudulent activity to their nearest police station.

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The Minister of Human Settlements Mmamoloko Kubayi accompanied by the Deputy Minister for Human Settlements, Pam Tshwete and the MEC of Human Settlements in Western Cape, Tertius Simmers, hosted Non-Governmental Organisations to deliberate the report on how South African intends to implement the New Urban Agenda. Later in the week they visited Khayelitsha to hand over title deeds.

