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The Cape Catalyst unit at the Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT), is undertaking a programme of work that aims to support the Saldanha Small Fishing Harbour to become a catalyst for economic growth. Acknowledging the harbour's value as a public asset with the potential to support more inclusive, diversified, and sustainable economic activity, this work includes research and development models, commercial arrangements, and institutional options that could unlock catalytic opportunities within the broader harbour precinct.

To ensure the principle of cooperative governance is adhered to and with support and involvement of the (national) Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Department of Forestry and Fisheries (DFFE) and the Saldanha Bay Municipality (SBM) a Technical Planning Committee (TPC) was set up to drive the process. The TPC agreed to establishing a Compact for the Future of Saldanha Small Fishing Harbour to gather alignment and inputs from a broad number of stakeholders and interested parties.

The Economic Development Partnership (EDP) agreed to facilitate the collaborative development of the Compact for the Future. This process will bring the three spheres of government, industry, and community stakeholders together to agree on a shared vision for the harbour, principles for development, and ways of working together as redevelopment progresses. Amongst others, the Compact for the Future will help ensure that planning and investment decisions are shaped by facts, the best-informed professional advice, devoid of vested interests, but with the buy in and participation of those who use the harbour, depend on it, and hold statutory and operational responsibilities.

The EDP's work includes one-on-one engagements, the development of a stakeholder database, and the facilitation of three multi-stakeholder Development Fora. A local facilitator will support on-the-ground engagement to ensure the process is inclusive and consider local experience. The main deliverable and outcome being the signed Compact for the Future. Noting that it is only the beginning of a collaborative process and includes practical mechanisms for ongoing cooperation and delivery.

We appreciate your participation in this process and your contribution to ensuring that the harbour's future development is practical, inclusive, and supported by all stakeholders.

For any further questions about the initiative, please feel free to contact me at the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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