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Mr Mpho Mosimane  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr Mosimane,

## OFFICIAL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION - SOUTH AFRICAN SMART CITIES FORUM

The Department of Cooperative Governance is delighted to express our full support for and active participation in the upcoming Smart Cities, Smart Towns, and Smart Villages Conference organized by the Black Circle Group. This ground-breaking event focusses on South African Provinces, Cities, Towns, and Rural Settlements within the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, aligns seamlessly with our commitment to shaping the future of urban and rural development in South Africa.

We note that the Conference is not merely an exploration of technological advancements but serves as a comprehensive examination of the governance issues integral to the development of smart cities. We support the Conference objective of delving into legislative and regulatory aspects, critically analysing the factors that influence and enable the realization of smart urban and rural landscapes. Key of which is the objective formulating smart governance models that will pave the way for the future of our cities.

The Department strongly encourages and urges all stakeholders with a keen interest and expertise in the development of future cities to actively participate in and contribute to this conference. This Conference promises to be a unique platform for the exchange of ideas, best practices, and innovative solutions.

We firmly believe that a conference of this nature will lay the foundational basis for the cities and towns of the future. As we transition into the Fourth Industrial Revolution, it is essential to collectively envision and strategize how our urban and rural spaces will evolve, ensuring sustainability, innovation, and effective governance.

The Department of Cooperative Governance along with all its entities is committed to active participation in this conference. Our presence underscores our dedication to contributing to the dialogue and collaborating with other stakeholders in shaping the future of smart cities, towns, and rural settlements in South Africa.

We eagerly look forward to engaging with you and other stakeholders during this significant event.

Sincerely,

**MR MBULELO TSHANGANA**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL: DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE**

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