

SACN in action

Analytical framework

Productive cities

Programme philosophy

Can the local economy provide the majority of residents with opportunities for making a reasonable living?

SACN programme objective

To grow the economy by facilitating co-operation and by enhancing competitiveness in both the formal and less formal parts of the economy.

This report looks at

Factors explaining the growth and potential of the urban economy and how cities respond to urban economy challenges in the context of globalisation, emerging market confidence and significant increases in public investment in infrastructure in South Africa.

Sustainable cities

Programme philosophy

How is the city impacting on the limited reserve of non-renewable resources that sustains the settlement and makes it viable?

SACN programme objective

To ensure that social and economic development responds appropriately to natural and other resources, and promotes equity and efficiency.

This report looks at

The urban environmental management challenges facing growing cities, the tough trade-offs that investment decisions require, and the importance of sustainability in planning and urban management.

Inclusive cities

Programme philosophy

Do residents have the opportunities and capacities to share equitably in the social and economic benefits of city life?

SACN programme objective

To enable cities to address the socio-economic challenges of ongoing inequality in South Africa's cities.

This report looks at

Progress in providing residents with access to key urban services, indicators of social and economic inequality, spatial exclusion, quality of urban environments and city life.

City development strategies

Programme philosophy

What long-term, cross-sectoral intergovernmental and partnership issues do cities confront?

SACN programme objective

To promote an integrated approach to city development strategies.

This report looks at

Demographic change, complex growth and development trends, the dynamics of demand, market forces and the strategic partners with which local governments must engage.

Well-governed cities

Programme philosophy

Is the political and institutional context stable, open and dynamic enough to accommodate varied objectives and interests?

SACN programme objective

To provide information and mechanisms that will facilitate innovative, inclusive, and proactive decision making and governance.

This report looks at

How well South African cities are governed, exploring institutional strength and capacity, financial prudence, urban policy cohesion, administrative efficiency and modernisation.