"It is likely that almost all of South Africa's net population growth until 2030 (an estimated 8 million) will take place in urban areas, especially in major cities." (National Development Plan 2030)

The SACN assists and guides cities to become effective drivers of local and national development, able to manage the ever-increasing population growth and expansion of services provided.

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Thematic areas

Vision

The South African Cities Network (SACN) is an established **network** of South African cities and partners that encourages the **exchange** of information, experience and best practices on **urban development** and **city management**.

Since 2002 the SACN's objectives are:

- Promote **good governance and management** in South African cities
- Analyse **strategic challenges** facing South African cities
- Collect, collate, analyse, assess, disseminate and apply the **experience of large city government** in a South African context
- Encourage **shared learning partnerships** among spheres of government in order to enhance good governance of South African cities.

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STRATEGY FRAMEWORK 2012–2016

South African cities as effective drivers of local and national development

GOAL

THE STATE OF CITIES REPORT 2016

THROUGH

- Shared-learning platforms and partnerships
- Clear and effective City Development Strategies
- Enabling frameworks
- Monitoring systems

OUTCOME INDICATORS

Cities that:

- understand their developmental role
- are enabled to play their developmental role
- are improving and monitoring their performance

1 ACT WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Cities are effectively planned and managed based on coherent evidence

- credible **city development strategies**
- a national **urban development policy**
- robust and efficient system for measuring and monitoring **city performance indicators and data**
- better understanding of **rural-urban interdependencies** is reflected in policy frameworks
- production of the **fourth state of the cities report**.

2 TRANSFORM THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT FUNCTION

Cities have efficient and effective spatial form and functioning

- effective **spatial planning** and **land-use management** strategies and systems
- effective **public transport** systems enabling livelihoods and economic development
- effectively planned **human settlements** that meet developmental objectives and enhance social cohesion

3 DEAL DECISIVELY WITH CITIES' VULNERABILITIES

Stakeholders address key challenges affecting cities' performance

- cities' **financial performance and management** are understood and improving
- better management of **vulnerable natural resources** (esp. water, energy, food) are managed better
- development of **human capacity** for effective delivery and management
- increased **social accountability** by city governments, resulting in socio-political stability

4 IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Experience and perception of city governance and delivery is improved

- city leaders able to competently **champion and communicate city knowledge**
- **leading experts and authorities** on urban development are advising and advocating for south africa's cities

5 ENHANCE THE IMPACT OF SACN'S KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

SACN delivers value products to policy-makers and practitioners

The SACN:

- has the human and financial **capacity to deliver** its programmes and plans
- has the monitoring and evaluation **capacity to report adequately**
- **is disseminating and communicating** city knowledge to key user communities