Unlike many cities of a similar stature and status, Msunduzi lacks a clearly articulated City Development Strategy (CDS). Accordingly, the urgent need for such a plan, as a growth path directive and scenario planning instrument, has been called for. The CDS will help realise a developmental and sustainable Msunduzi (metropolitan) complex and a globally competitive city.

The overall intention of the CDS is to guide and manage urban development and growth, and to balance competing resources and land-use demands, by putting in place a long-term, logical development path that will shape the spatial form and structure of the city. In the context of climate change and resource depletion, the future growth path needs to underline the importance of sustainable growth. This proposed development path must be flexible and adaptive, as economic, environmental, and social forces are unpredictable, and it is impossible to determine accurately how fast the city will grow. The proposals may take decades to realise and, from time to time, will need to be reviewed to ensure that they remain relevant, realistic and informed by changing dynamics and local, national and global events.

The primary purpose of the CDS is to:
- Describe the desired 2030 outcomes in terms of the city’s vision, goals and objectives.
- Agree on the set of indicators for measuring the progress being made to achieve the desired outcomes.
- Agree on the targets and the city growth path in respect of each of the indicators.
- Agree on the strategic interventions required to achieve the set targets.
- Describe the catalytic projects that, where possible, support the strategic interventions.
- Agree on the monitoring, evaluation, reporting and review framework.

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“'No political democracy can survive and flourish if the mass of our people remain in poverty, without land, without tangible prospects for a better life. Attacking poverty and deprivation must therefore be the first priority of a democratic government. (The Reconstruction and Development Programme, 1994)'}
our vision is the city will be that all neighbourhoods, communities and centres of business will receive reliable water, sanitation, energy and waste services.

- Consumers will have equal, easy and convenient access to the municipal budget and policy formulation processes, and services.
- The city will be less dependent on grants and able to account accurately for public resources, with effective anti-corruption measures in place. Households and businesses will have access to high-quality water and sanitation services.
- The energy supply will meet the demand for electricity, and the use of renewable energy will be widespread.
- Waste collection and disposal services will be available to households and businesses, and the recovery, re-use and recycling of waste will be maximised.

by 2030
An accessible and connected city by 2030

Our vision is the city will have well-maintained road and rail networks, reliable public transport services, social infrastructure, high-speed telecommunications and inclusive human settlements.

- Citizens will be able to use either private (cars, bikes, walking) or public (trains, buses, taxis) transport.
- Health and recreational infrastructure will meet community needs and contribute to the city’s economy.
- Reliable telecommunications networks will provide access to learning and information in homes, schools and workplaces.
- Housing backlogs will be significantly reduced, and human settlement patterns will reflect inclusive demographics.
A clean and green CITY

by 2030

our vision is the city will be protecting and conserving its natural assets while meeting the demand for more housing, roads and services to accommodate the growing population.

- Renewable energy supplies and alternative energy sources will contribute to energy efficiency.
- Citizens will have access to a linked, public open space network.
- Communities and businesses will recognise and support urban renewal and greening.
A friendly and safe CITY by 2030

our vision is the city will be welcoming and caring for diverse communities, where people enjoy working together and helping each other.

- All residents, whatever their race, class, religion or political affiliation, will play an active role in the city’s affairs.
- Community policing forums will be active in community safety centres established across the city.
An **economically prosperous** CITY

**by 2030**

our vision is the city will be a flourishing business environment, home to entrepreneurs active across the full spectrum of enterprises.

- A social compact between the council, private businesses and the non-profit sector, with the support of learning institutions, will provide job opportunities for young people.
- Businesses will be investing in the city, attracted by the available business-incentive packages.
- Unemployment is reduced.
our vision is the city will be an employer of choice, with empowered, skilled employees, and have sound, accountable financial management systems.

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The city is in the process of developing the City Development Strategy (CDS), which will be the roadmap to achieving the Vision 2030, as described in this booklet. This will be the guiding document for the city’s strategic planning processes, including the review of the Integrated Development Plan.

As part of the process, we invite all stakeholders to participate in the creation of your city, Msunduzi. To contribute, please contact:

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