

**SPATIAL TRANSFORMATION
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Register for “**The SAPI Spatial Transformation Seminars 2019**” at www.planningafrica.org.za. The seminars will take place in 10 cities in South Africa from the **12 July to 22 November 2019** focussing on *Spatial Transformation, the Role of the Planner and the Importance of Planning*.

The New Urban Agenda and the International Guidelines-Territorial Urban Development elevated the role and importance of planners. There are policy instruments in place in South Africa which are more advanced than most countries. It is possible to plan a sustainable future in South Africa, if the requisite skills and resources are allocated to developing the urban character and form.

The IDP developed by local municipalities collates the needs of communities and is meant to be an integrated plan while the NDP as a national plan and vision influences strategies being developed or implemented by all spheres of government. In terms of land use management there is SPLUMA, in terms of strategic planning there are the Spatial Development Frameworks from local to national, there is the IUDF, but is the state leading this process coherently? Is there consistency to reshape the form of localities with integrated approaches to planning? Do these processes allow for the budget allocations and resources for the spatial form to be adjusted and influenced?

South Africa has not transformed the spatial form from apartheid plans to a post-apartheid future. State capture, limited resources and an ever-growing list of priorities hamper the efforts to co-ordinate and build a process of spatially targeted delivery. Formal Planning is playing catch up with people-centred development, linked to land and development leading to informality in settlements and economic activity, and at the same time, development is being led by market forces which is determining where development takes place be it for resource extraction or for high end living or for commercial purposes without the state playing a decisive role on spatial and economic transformation.