

COGTA BRICS MEETINGS 2018

BRICS FRIENDSHIP CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION URBANISATION FORUM

27 – 30 JUNE 2018

ICC PREMIER HOTEL: EAST LONDON, EASTERN CAPE





Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance, Andries Nel during the official opening of the BRICS Friendship Cities, Local Government Cooperation and Urbanisation Forum.



President of the United Cities Local Government Association Cllr Parks Tau.



Premier of Eastern Cape Province Mr Phumulo Masualle



Delegation from Brazil, Russia, India and China and Mayor Cllr Xola Pakati of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality making their presentations during the first meeting.



Exhibition walkabout by Deputy Minister Nel and VIPs



Media engagements: Mr Samkelo Ngwenya Head of Communications in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality and Mr Legadima Leso Head of Communications from COGTA doing interviews on Keith Ngesi radio stations and Deputy Minister Nel and other delegate doing interviews on SA FM.



Study visits and site tour to Mercedes Benz Plant and East London Industrial Development Zone IDZ by Ministerial delegation



Brics 2018 Key areas that were mentioned on MEC Oscar Mabuyane's speech at the Executive Mayors investment networking breakfast: The revitalisation of the Eastern Cape film industry to tap on heritage potential; the packaging of Buffalo City and the Province of the Eastern Cape as an investment friendly destination; and the unlocking of the bureaucratic bottlenecks towards enabling a conducive investor friendly environment