

# WARD DELIMITATION PROCESS 2018 – 2021

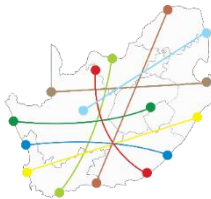
## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VENUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation by:** \_\_\_\_\_



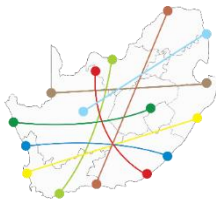
# BACKGROUND

1. The MDB has invited our municipality, and all stakeholders in our municipal area to participate in the ward delimitation process.
2. The MDB has provided us with draft ward boundaries to consider.
3. Should we agree with the MDB proposals, or be able to reach consensus on how the ward boundaries should be drawn, we can complete the process soon.
4. Should we not be able to reach consensus, we can submit different proposals to the MDB
5. Our first priority should thus be to reach consensus in our municipal area on the ward boundaries, and to ensure that our proposals comply with the legislation, and criteria.



# PROVISIONAL BROAD PLAN

1. The MDB will hold public meetings in all municipalities from February to April 2020.
2. We can make arrangements with our municipality to hand in our proposals at the meeting in our municipality.
3. Alternatively we should submit our proposals directly to the MDB by 30 April 2020.
4. The MDB will consider all proposals and publish its delimitation of wards in the Provincial Gazette, which will give us 14 days (*including weekend*) to object.
5. The MDB will consider all objections and publish final ward boundaries.
6. The MDB will then give the final ward boundaries to the IEC in August 2020 to start preparing for the 2021 local elections.



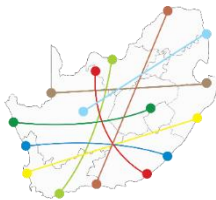
# PROVISIONAL BROAD PLAN (CONT)

NO	ACTIVITIES	DATES	RESPONSIBILITY
1	PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SET 1 WARDS	FEBRUARY – APRIL 2020	MDB
2	PUBLICATION OF DRAFT SET 2 WARDS FOR OBJECTIONS	MAY 2020	MDB
3	MEDIA BROADCAST FOR PUBLICATION OF DRAFT SET 2 WARDS FOR OBJECTIONS	MAY 2020	MDB
4	CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS	JUNE 2020	MDB
5	PUBLICATION OF FINAL WARDS	JULY 2020	MDB
6	MEDIA BROADCAST FOR PUBLICATION OF FINAL WARDS	JULY 2020	MDB
7	WARD HANDOVER TO IEC – PRESS RELEASE	AUGUST 2020	MDB



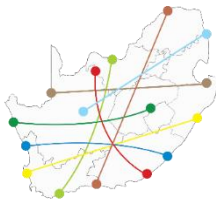
# INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MDB

1. A map of the municipality with draft wards which need to be considered.
2. A map of each draft ward with voting stations and registered voters
3. A schedule of voting stations and registered voters per draft ward
4. MDB submission form to be completed and submitted to MDB



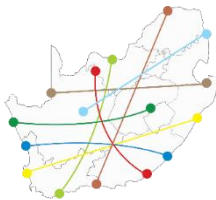
# LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

1. Keep to the number of wards allowed for your municipality.
2. Use voting districts as building blocks and ensure that wards are contiguous.
3. Cluster voting districts together to make up wards, follow voting district boundaries when drawing ward boundaries.
4. Try not to split voting districts.
5. Keep the total number of registered voters per ward, as close as possible to the norm (*average number of registered voters per ward*), within the minimum and maximum allowed.
6. Try not to split obvious communities / groupings of villages / suburbs, traditional areas etc. - if at all possible.



# LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES (CONT)

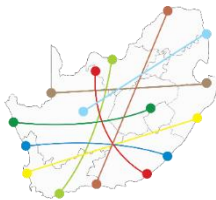
7. Take physical characteristics into account e.g. adequate road networks, and physical barriers such as a freeways, rivers, mountains, etc.
8. Keep current ward numbers and boundaries the same, if possible.
9. Ensure compliance with the norm for each ward.





# CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT WARDS

- 1. Step 1:** We need to consider the DRAFT ward; decide which ones are acceptable, and put them aside.
- 2. Step 2:** Consider as to how we would like the remaining wards to be configured. This is done by clustering voting districts together to form a contiguous ward.
- 3. Step 3:** Add up the number of registered voters in the voting district forming a ward.
- 4. Step 4:** If the total number of registered voters falls between the minimum and maximum number of registered voters allowed per ward in our municipality, we have created a valid ward.
- 5. Step 5:** Fill in the submission form to indicate which MDB wards are acceptable, and on which ones we have alternative proposals.

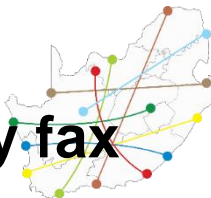


# HOW TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

The MDB submission form consists of three sections:

- 1. MDB1** - Form to notify the MDB that local consultations on the MDB's draft ward boundaries, have been completed and that the municipality and local stakeholder agree with the MDB's draft ward boundaries.
- 2. MDB2** - Form to notify the MDB that the municipality and local stakeholders do not agree with some or all the MDB's draft ward boundaries, and to submit to the MDB alternative proposals on which consensus has been reached with local stakeholders.
- 3. MDB3** - Form to submit to the MDB separate individual proposals on ward boundaries where there is disagreement with the MDB and the municipality's draft wards.

Please send this form to the MDB by email ([registry@demarcation.org.za](mailto:registry@demarcation.org.za)) or by fax 012-3422480, as soon as possible but not later than 30 April 2020.



# HOW TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS (CONT...)

**EXAMPLE OF MDB SUBMISSION FORM**  
(Adjacent voting districts are to be clustered to form a ward)

<b>WARD NUMBER</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	
<b>Ward number</b>	<b>Voting district number</b>	<b>Number of registered voters in VD</b>
<b>Ward (X)</b>	VD80182384 (1230)	<b>1230</b>
	VD80180089 (1900)	<b>1900</b>
	VD80230454 (762)	<b>762</b>
		<b>Total = 3892</b>



# CONCLUSION

1. Meaningful public participation will ensure a successful ward delimitation process, one that will promote free and fair elections.
2. The success of MDB's work is dependent on efficient collaboration with all stakeholders including: municipalities, provincial departments responsible for local government, traditional leadership structures, political parties, civil organisations and members of the public.

