

Building the KCT

Established with a specific purpose



Khayelitsha Community Trust

Committed to the development of Khayelitsha and it's area

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Khayelitsha Community Trust (KCT) was formed in 2003 by the City of Cape Town Municipality as a not-for-profit municipal entity whose core objective is to facilitate local economic development initiatives for the empowerment of the Khayelitsha community.

KCT was established with the specific purpose of advancing the Khayelitsha Business District (KBD) through the development of commercial, residential and community facilities. The Trust is currently involved in coordinating various construction-related projects, e.g. development of a shopping mall in Khayelitsha, housing and commercial developments.

As a means of leveraging resources, these initiatives are undertaken in partnership with private financiers in a form of Public-Private Partnerships with different service providers.

“CAPACITATING OF THE TRUST’S INVESTMENT COMPANIES THROUGH THE APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR PERSONNEL WHO PLAY A ROLE IN ADVANCING THE PROJECTS.”

Recent appointments

Recently KCT appointed a team of professional consultants in various built industry disciplines to undertake the development of a design framework. This team of consultants are responsible for the production of a development layout that serves as an architectural guideline for the implementation of the R240 million

expansion of the Khayelitsha CBD.

Capacitating of the Trust’s investment companies through the appointment of senior personnel who play a role in advancing the projects of the Trust as well as in projecting an enhanced profile of the Trust with its stakeholders. KCT has a number of subsidiaries each with its own directors who sit and strategise independently on every business operation the entity is pursuing.

Reaffirmation

Recently, the company reaffirmed a close working relationship with the City of Cape Town Municipality to ensure immediate compliance with all local government-related legislative and regulatory policy requirements.

The Trust

The Trust is also focusing on addressing all weaknesses / failures that emerged from the Phase 1 KBD development in order to ensure that, with Phase 2, the community of Khayelitsha are provided with a good final product that will bring accelerated economic growth for its people. A strategic plan (which incorporated inputs from the Trust’s stakeholders) with a number of strategic goals is currently being implemented for a three year period commencing in 2009. The Trust has made remarkable progress in the implementation and achievement of its strategic goals.

Key areas

One of the key areas that have been identified as weak or lacking within KCT

is open communication with relevant stakeholders. To this end, KCT has recently employed a Communications Manager whose responsibility is to ensure that organisational decisions and other consultative processes are communicated properly to all the relevant role-players for buy-in and support without which grassroots delivery can be severely hampered.

Success

The success of the organisation is attributed more comprehensively to its in-depth experience of the trustees, commitment from the staff complement and the decision by the Board to ensure that there are organisational systems in place to ensure that services are provided in a uniform and consistent manner. □

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