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The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government has since early 2005, prioritized the promotion and development of cooperatives as social enterprises to create decent work, fight poverty and ultimately bridge the gap between the first and second economies. From the ensuing experience and knowledge it became clear that there was a need to develop a cooperatives development strategy aligned to the national strategy in order that all role-players in the arena of promoting and developing cooperatives could have a common understanding and a common approach.

In this context, a service provider was appointed to undertake research and develop a draft strategy which would be presented for consultation purposes and thereafter for consideration by the KZN Cabinet for approval. The draft strategy was completed in November 2009 and consultative workshops began in the beginning of December 2009. The last consultative workshop should be on the 11th February 2010.

In these workshops, provincial government, district and local government officials are invited to attend. Business chambers, unions, civil society, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community based organizations (CBOs), faith based organizations (FBOs), experts from tertiary institutions and parastatals are also invited.

The first workshop was conducted in the main boardroom for the Department of Economic Development & Tourism in Pietermaritzburg on the 7th December 2009 and the second one in Durban (Provincial Public Service Training Academy) on the 8th December 2009.

On the 3rd, 4th and 11th February 2010 we are planning to have the remaining sessions in Empangeni/Richardsbay, Ladysmith and Pietermaritzburg respectively. If you wish to contribute towards this process please feel free to attend these sessions or alternatively submit your written comments before the **12th February 2010** in order that these inputs and comments can be incorporated timeously to the final draft strategy.

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