

# Guiding Questions for discussion

- How to optimize the use of the business case tool
- What would complement the tool
- How do we sell AQ to principals, management and key people involved in municipal budgeting process
- Best practices and learnings from other best performing municipalities
- Recommendations

# Discussions

- Comments
  - Business case highlights the need for finance.
  - How are the AQM interventions are going to be funded?
  - What are the mechanisms or models available/suggested to fund mandates
  - MIG does not fund AQM functions, Carbon tax is not possible.
- Possible Solutions
  - Possible solution is to tap into provincial and national treasury for funding since
  - We may have to amend some requirements such as Section 14.3 .local municipalities do not have funding for AQO. Way forward?

# Technical Nature of AQMPs

- comments
  - AQMPs need to be presented in a simple language to ensure that political principals are able understand for adoption and allocate resources
- Suggestion
  - The contents of AQMPs may be retained and let it remain the responsibility of local AQOs to simplify and explain AQMPs to the political principals

# Training on the e-tool

- Comments
  - How does Business case e-Tool interface with the work study software.
- Suggestions
  - We need to synergize the tool with other work study softwares
  - Everything needs to start with a business plan. That's the point of the business tool.
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# AQMP Implementation Resources

- Comment
  - We must get the municipal managers buying in to the business tool
  - Financial implications associated with development of AQMP
- Suggestion
  - Annual performance of municipal managers should include the AQMP development and implementation
  - Continue making requests until funds are made available
  - Develop a funding committee to include COGTA and SALGA

# Further Comments and Suggestions...

- Savings on AQ should be interpreted in monetary terms
- Cost savings should be communicated to municipalities. This makes it a business case and makes it better understood and accepted by treasury and municipalities. Indicate exactly what municipalities need to do before asking for funding National parliament has a portfolio committee that looks at what has been done, what is done and still needs to be done to address issues faced by municipalities.
- These interventions are helping with funding AQM functions

# Recommendations

- Form a committee with SALGA and COGTA to negotiating funding with treasury
- Deploy and utilize DEA EOs at District Municipalities to assist Local Municipalities with AQMP development and Implementations
- Explore additional funding streams
- Further engagement session to discuss outputs of the business case should be facilitated
- Work with Portfolio committee to get political buy-in
  - Municipalities have to be as honest and realistic as possible w.r.t their status and progress when making their case to the portfolio committee