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TAMDEV in the Spotlight: Strengthening Municipalities: Why Collaboration Matters

The National Business Initiative's (NBI) Technical Assistance, Mentorship and Development (TAMDEV) Programme has been featured in the latest edition of **Municipal Focus,** placing the Programme and its work to strengthen municipal capacity firmly within an important national conversation about the future of local government in South Africa.

Titled ***"TAMDEV: Strengthening Municipalities: Why Collaboration Matters,"*** the feature appears on **pages 24–27** of Municipal Focus Volume 84 and is also highlighted on the cover of the latest edition.



Why this Feature Matters

Municipal Focus is a South African municipal publication focused on local government, business intelligence and insights. Its readership includes mayors, municipal managers, senior government officials, finance and technical leaders, councillors and other public- and private-sector decision-makers working within and alongside municipalities.

For TAMDEV, this is precisely the audience with whom the conversation about capable local government needs to happen.

The performance of municipalities has consequences far beyond municipal administration.

Reliable water and electricity, functioning infrastructure, sound financial management and effective project delivery directly affect communities, business confidence, investment and economic growth.

TAMDEV was established to help address these challenges by strengthening the capacity of the State through technical assistance, mentorship and skills development. The Programme brings experienced technical professionals together with public institutions to transfer skills, strengthen institutional capability and help unblock practical service-delivery and infrastructure challenges.

From Expertise to Stronger Institutions

The **Municipal Focus** feature explores **TAMDEV's** approach to building municipalities that are better equipped to deliver.

It examines how the Programme brings together business, government and experienced technical expertise to strengthen capacity in areas including infrastructure delivery, financial management and local economic development, with skills transfer and long-term institutional capability at the centre of the model.

At a time when strengthening local government is central to South Africa's service-delivery and economic growth agenda, the article makes the case for moving beyond short-term interventions towards building the skills, systems and institutional capacity municipalities need to perform sustainably.

What does it take to build municipalities that can deliver and what can practical collaboration between government and business contribute?

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