



The Development Bank of Southern Africa
*Report Back from Environmental and Risk
Reduction Considerations*

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Environmental and Risk Reduction Considerations

- Inputs:
 - *How Do We Mainstream Biodiversity Conservation in Urban Settlement Planning* – Anthea Stephens (SANBI)
 - *Green Buildings – Rocket Science or Not?* -Ingrid Verwey (DBSA)
 - *Disaster Risk Reduction in Settlements – A Spatial Planning Context* - Krisno Nimpuno (Wits Disaster Preparedness in Africa Office)

Environmental and Risk Reduction Considerations

- Not “nice-to-have’s” - necessities
 - Enhances space, reduces costs and reduces risks (mutually reinforcing)
- Supports appropriate human settlements
- Not “rocket science” – sensibility of sustainability
- Can enhance human experience of settlements
- Levels of awareness are low – but thirst for knowledge
- Capacity building required in municipalities, etc
- **Centrality of appropriate Development Planning**