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Abstract

The current National Development Plan points out that South Africa's eight large cities host a significant proportion of all national economic activity and, with ongoing patterns of urbanisation, they are home to an increasing proportion of the population. Therefore, significant public and private investment in urban areas in South Africa is required in the next decade and beyond to meet the growing needs of these cities to provide residential accommodation, commercial and industrial space, and the infrastructure and services that power the urban economy. This paper provides a small input for a discussion on international best practices and lessons learned with regard to urban development financing. Experiences from Austria, Germany, Hungary, India, Slovakia and the United Kingdom in connection with infrastructure are highlighted.

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