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SALGA CONGRATULATES THE CITY OF ETHEKWINI ON WINNING THE BID TO HOST THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN 2022 AND CALLS FOR CITIZENS TO GET INVOLVED

On Wednesday, 02 September 2015, Durban was officially announced to be the host city of the 2022 Commonwealth Games. The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) takes this opportunity to congratulate the City of eThekweni on winning the bid to host the Games.

It will be the first time that the Commonwealth Games are hosted on the African continent and Durban will be the most popular city in 2022. This is an achievement for the City of eThekweni and South Africa as a whole. South Africa has marked another milestone in promoting unity through sports. As former President Nelson Mandela once said: "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else can."

SALGA and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) have entered into partnership to ensure that local government's constitutional mandate and the National Sports and Recreation Plan's (NSRP) objective of providing sport facilities is achieved in order to support the development of an active and winning nation.

An event of such magnitude requires the support and involvement of National and Provincial Government as well as every South African citizen. Well-attended events like the Commonwealth Games have positive spinoffs for the hosting nation, such as economic opportunities and improved infrastructure.

As the representative of local government, SALGA is pleased to know that the city of eThekweni's state of readiness is on track and there is no doubt that the city will successfully host the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

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