



# COMMISSION DISCUSSION 2

# Ward committees

- Play central role to facilitate interaction
- Mobilise communities to attend events and meetings and partner with govt.
- Door to door and other direct contact
- Sectoral or geographic representation
- Need clarity on roles

# Strengthening ward committees

- Use cost effective ways to interact with community
- Utilise council participation and communication budgets
- All activities be part of overall strategy and plan
- Need to actively mobilise volunteers to get involved in service and development projects
- Target poor and marginalised areas
- Regular meetings at good times
- Extended forums, sectors
- Open meetings of council

# Support from municipalities

- Administrative support to call meetings, book venues and take minutes
- Budgets for transport and work plan implementation
- Offices or use of municipal facilities where possible
- Awards , recognition, other non financial incentives
- Clear roles, structures and agendas
- IDP documents and project plans simplified and training on them
- Ward committees can complain about councillors
- Clear channel for sorting problems

# Election of ward committees

- Sectoral and geographic approaches accepted if used properly
- Need to involve sectors in nomination
- Reps from sectors elected at community meeting
- Should be known to sector and not just friends of councillor