

Speaker Presentation Profile

1. PRESENTER'S INFORMATION

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2. PRESENTER'S BACKGROUND

Mahesh Srini is the IS Manager for the City of Polokwane and has spent most of his career in ICT. He has been multitasking as a project manager, business/systems analyst, software developer, website developer, GIS consultant, ICT technical advisor at various stages of his career. Mahesh has been involved in a wide range of projects from development to implementation of GIS applications, financial systems, Engineering systems, websites, Aerial photography, ICT policies, DRP/BC, Server virtualisation, Wireless and optic fibre infrastructure to mention a few and is currently involved in the implementation of 2010 ICT projects. His active interests include the conversion of libraries to digital centres of learning, free computer literacy training programmes to disadvantaged communities, promoting ict internship and experiential training. His provincial collaboration involves e-heritage, information society and broadband projects, and his passion for service delivery has led to realising this important project that is being presented today.

3. TITLE/TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

Improving Municipal Service Delivery through an effective Project Information Management System

4. PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS/ABSTRACT

Brief summary of content and focus of the presentation:

Implementation of capital projects generally equates to Service Delivery. Some of the key constraints to effective service delivery have been the poor quality of available information, inability to monitor and track projects from its inception to completion, inconsistency in reporting on physical progress vs expenditure and the inaccessibility to comprehensive information for appropriate decision making. The Project management information system (PPRIME) covers the entire life-cycle of the projects from IDP consultations/review processes, prioritization, IDP/Budget/SDBIP approval in the Mayoral committee, supply chain management processes and the implementation of projects during the various Quarters and oversight role played by the project management unit. The system interfaces with the financial, GIS and document management systems to ensure accurate financial management and spatial planning and analysis.

Key points for discussion include:

- Accurate and comprehensive access to Information is vital for effective project management
- Proper monitoring and tracking of projects during its life cycle is critical for service delivery
- Graphical displays and charts are more useful for effective management than tabular information.
- Early-warning of problems provides for timeous interventions to revive failing projects.