



**Vumelana**  
ADVISORY FUND

## Good governance award



*Awarding  
organisations  
that demonstrate  
good  
governance  
practices*

Report	Good governance award
Date	01 March 2015
Contact	Vumelana Advisory Fund 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Building 13 The Woodlands Woodlands Drive Woodmead <a href="http://www.vumelana.org.za">www.vumelana.org.za</a>
Contact person	Mazwi Mkhulisi <a href="mailto:mkhulisi@vumelana.org.za">mkhulisi@vumelana.org.za</a> 011 612 2000

# Vumelana Governance Award

## Incentivising good governance

### The governance challenge

The low level of governance and administrative capacity in Communal Property Institutions (CPIs) is a result of limited resources and the absence of incentives (or sanctions) for compliance with legislative and other requirements. The effective governance of these bodies poses a number of issues for communities that are often first time land owners that have to resolve complex problems facing common property institutions.

### The Vumelana Governance Award

The Vumelana Governance Award was launched in 2014 with the support of the Ford Foundation. This annual Award is designed to encourage the adoption of good governance practices by CPIs:

- Ensuring that the body is properly constituted – with an approved constitution, membership register and approved policies and procedures.
- Producing management accounts and audited annual financial statements.
- Having the capacity to administer the property and other resources under its control through an effectively organised and managed office.
- Maintaining effective social cohesion among members by among other things effective and consistent reporting to members via an AGM and other means.

### Focus

Applications will be considered from organisations that are registered under :

- The Communal Property Associations Act No. 28 of 1996, or
- The Trust Property Control Act 57 of 1988.

### Awards

Applicants are required to provide examples of good governance practices and show how they will use the Award to further develop governance, organisation and management of the CPI. In 2015, two awards will be made:

- First prize: R200,000
- Second prize: R100,000

[Click here](#) to read more about the Award and to download the application form.