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*Impumelelo identifies, rewards, and promotes good governance and service delivery through an annual awards programme, case study research, policy analysis, training workshops and replication. Although Impumelelo is not specifically an environmental organisation, many of the projects which have received its awards have fallen into the environmental sector. This booklet in the Impumelelo series of best practice is the second volume to spotlight environmental projects that have been recognised with Impumelelo awards, in this instance between 2005 and 2008.*

*While the first volume clearly acknowledged the link between environmental issues and poverty alleviation, this volume explicitly focuses on the need for all poverty reduction efforts to encourage environmental sustainability. This perspective is becoming increasingly prevalent in the international community and has recently been reflected in South African policy statements.*

*The case studies are prefaced with an overview of the theory of sustainable development followed by its specific application in the South African context. A brief overview of South African legislation and policy is presented, focusing predominantly on the recent National Framework for Sustainable Development and the need to integrate the goals and tools of environmental sustainability with those of economic development initiatives.*

*The eighteen case studies describe how the projects were initiated and implemented, outcomes they have accomplished, and lessons that can be learned from their experiences. The studies were written using information from Impumelelo's archives, outside research, site visits to the projects and interviews with project personnel and beneficiaries. The projects showcased here demonstrate important local solutions to global environmental problems such as water scarcity, deforestation, pollution and climate change. The information and lessons presented should prove invaluable to government, NGOs and local communities.*



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