

The Centre for Development Support (CDS) is a progressive research and development unit within the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences at the University of the Free State (UFS) with the broad aim of promoting sustainable human development in the broader South African society. In addition to this, the CDS also presents a two-year multi-disciplinary Master's Programme in Development Studies (MDS) with lecturers from sixteen departments at the UFS, using resource-based learning. This degree is designed for people who are currently working in a development-related context, or who intend to do so.

Vision

To be a leading research, training, and knowledge centre promoting sustainable human development

Mission

Promoting sustainable development through:

- Conducting applied and policy-orientated research to inform, steer, and facilitate development initiatives, development programmes, and academic excellence
- Building capacity through training and development programmes
- Being a knowledge centre focused on four niche areas, namely
 - poverty and social development,
 - human settlements/housing
 - local economic development/enterprise development,
 - and rendering a consultative service on socio-economic development issues and initiatives to clients in the private and public sector, as well as the NGOs and CBOs
- Being part of a broad network of national and international development expertise.
- The CDS strives to achieve this mission with passion, a spirit of entrepreneurship, and through partnerships
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- South African Cities Network - An investigation into the status of secondary urban areas in South Africa,

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