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He is one of the finest theorists that Limpopo province has ever produced.

## WELCOME ABOARD! MEC RUDOLPH PHALA

Today marks the 29th day for MEC Rudolph Phala at helm of Provincial Treasury. He was appointed on the 19 July 2013 and he was formally welcome to the department on the 25 July 2013 when he was seven days old in the position. The Head of Department congratulated Mr. Rudolph Phala on his appointment to Provincial Treasury "I am privileged and delighted to have you on the LPT team" said Mr. Gavin Pratt. "I used to be on the other side when you were the chairperson of SCOPA. Your appointment will strengthen the capacity of the department to deliver quality support service to all provincial sector departments, public entities and municipalities on transversal financial

management. I wish you success in your new role" said Pratt.

MEC Phala thanked everyone in attendance and at the core of his message was the commitment and determination that he expects from all LPT staff. "He who do things in a crooked way, creeping along the

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- Monday Special Edition dedicated to women's month in the Department

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Gavin Pratt

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banks of the river hoping that he or she is not seen, should know that he or she is being seen by those who are lying flat” MEC Phala cautioned.

MEC Phala is a lawyer by profession. He is one of the finest cadres that Limpopo province has ever produced. He is a member of the ANC and joined the legislature through the ANC ticket in 2004. Phala, was the legislature’s speaker before his appointment as MEC. The former chairperson of the legislature’s Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) is known for his no-nonsense stance towards corruption.

Phala cut his political teeth in the youth movement before the unbanning of the political organisations. He served the Congress movement in various capacities including serving as both the provincial office bearer and a member of the SACP provincial executive for almost three decades. He was student activist during his tertiary days. Phala was appointed the ANC Provincial Political Education Officer in the early nighties. He likes reading; he is a writer and very good debater.

The following three articles are some of his literary works in the Congress Movement.

- The ANC and the church: A century of self less struggle. by Kgolane Alfred Rudolph Phala
- A Different Kind of ANC! by Kgolane Rudolph Phala
- What is a communist? by Rudolph Phala

*On behalf of all LPT staff, RIFUMO NEWS would like to take this opportunity to wish the MEC well in the new assignment. Congratulations!*



# Welcoming our Provincial Treasury MEC Mr. Rudolph Phala





# President visits Phetwane



MEC for Provincial Treasury Rudolph Phala and MEC for CoGHSTA Ishmael Kgetsepe

Phetwane Village as one of the regions that make a green footprint on the Masibambane Rural Initiative, hosted the National President Mr. Jacob Zuma. The President broke the tradition of giving speeches by participating in the 67 minutes of harvesting hundreds of hectares of maize at the Phetwane Irrigation Scheme. The massive harvest was joined by hundreds of community members, employees of the Phetwane Irrigation Scheme, hand-to-hand with traditional leaders, the District, local municipal councilors and employees. The President was accompanied by Agriculture Minister Tina Joemat-Petterson as well as Ministers and Deputy Ministers, the newly elected Premier of Limpopo Stan Mathabatha with MECs

including Ishmael Kgetsepe of Local government and Traditional Affairs and Rudolf Phala of Treasury. President Zuma viewed the Masibambane Rural Development Initiative as a way that will improve the lives of rural communities like Phetwane. He also called on neighbouring villages to learn from Phetwane village and take initiative as this will help rural communities to stop relying mainly on social grants and reduce poverty. Sekhukhune district formally thanked Ministers and Deputy Ministers from President Jacob Zuma's Cabinet for pledging commitment towards the development of our district. "We hope these pledges will be elevated into megaprojects that will improve the quality of life in our communities. "

**"We began in the 1960s by combining our small hold ploughing fields into 58 hectares we have today. Now we are the project shareholders, our children are now employees in the scheme and we continue to reap dividends even at old age"**

Ramadimetša Nalane, shareholder at Phetwane Irrigation Scheme

**Masibambane  
Rural Development  
Initiative**



# MEC RUDOLPH PHALA ADDRESSES SPECIAL MUNICIPAL CFO'S FORUM

The MEC is not pleased by the performance of the municipalities. He said this when he was addressing the special municipal CFO's forum at MJ Gateway on thursday morning "In our Province of Limpopo only 1 of the 30 local and district Municipalities received a clean audit. 14 of the 30 Municipalities obtained declaimers compared to 8 in the previous financial year of 2010/11. Twelve received qualifications compared to 13 in the previous year 2010/11. Only 1 municipality received a clean audit compared to 2 in 2010/11. Positively only one municipality received an adverse audit opinion compared to 4 in the previous year, and only one municipality is unqualified opinion compared to 3 in the previous year" said the MEC

He also said that "the National Treasury attributes these to what they call serious financial management and political challenges facing Municipalities in the Limpopo Province"

These are the cause of all our woes, amongst others, are 'Poor financial management capacity, inappropriately qualified staff and high staff turnover in the Budget and Treasury offices of Municipalities. There is also a general lack of adherence to existing policies and procedures, SCM and governance". MEC emphasised .

He encouraged CFO's to do their utmost best because when the municipality receives a negative audit opinion they are the first to be blamed.

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They were reminded to discharge their responsibilities within the confines of the legal framework and they must ensure that they submit annual financial statements that are free of material misstatement and aligned to Treasury frameworks.

There is a dedicated team from both CoGHSTA and Provincial Treasury to provide support to municipalities. Therefore, CFO's must use these available resources to improve the current state of audit outcomes.

## MUNICIPAL CFO'S FORUM PICTURES



## House Keeping

### Access emails when outside the office

Due to the upgrade of the email server there is a slight change on how to access emails from outside the office.

Below are options available:

1. Accessing departmental email via the internet
  - Use the following URL: <https://anywhere.treasury.limpopo.gov.za/owa>
  - Username: Limtreasury\your username
  - Password: your password

The email link currently available on the departmental website will be changed to align it with the above changes.

2. Accessing departmental email using departmental laptop and 3G connection
  - Connect your 3G to the network as usual.
  - Open Microsoft Outlook
  - Username: Limtreasury\your username Password: Your password
  - Click Ok

Then you can use the email like you normally use in the office

3. Accessing departmental email from Mobile devices  
Use the following settings depending on the model of your mobile device.

#### 3.1 Android and IOS mobile devices (e.g. Samsung)

SSL: Turn it on

Server: Anywhere.treasury.limpopo.gov.za

Domain: Limtreasury

Username: Your username

Password: Your password

× Kindly note that to use this option you need to have data bundles loaded on your phone.

#### 3.2 Blackberry with BIS service activated

Outlook Webaccess URL: <https://anywhere.treasury.limpopo.gov.za/owa>

Domain: Limtreasury

Username: Your username

Password: Your password

Please, contact the IT Service Desk @ ext 8585 for any further clarity

By Gito

Did you know?

The Karoo region is home to some of the best fossils of early dinosaurs.

## Did you know?

Did you know?

The world's largest diamond was the Cullinan Diamond, found in South Africa in 1905. It weighed 3,106.75 carats uncut. It was cut into the Great Star of Africa, weighing 530.2 carats, the Lesser Star of Africa, which weighs 317.40 carats, and 104 other diamonds of nearly flawless color and clarity. They now form part of the British crown jewels.

Did you know?

Although Pretoria is considered to be the capital of South Africa, the country actually has three capitals: Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), and Bloemfontein (judicial).

Did you know?

Pietermaritzburg's city hall is the largest red brick building in the Southern Hemisphere.

Did you know?

Limpopo Provincial Treasury MEC Rudolph Phala is the Inaugural SACP Branch secretary of the SACP Turfloop branch, the first SACP branch in the Province, then Northern Transvaal Region that was launched by the then SACP General Secretary Chris Hanu before he was assassinated.

Did you know?

Dr. Christiaan Barnard, at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, performed the first human heart transplant in the world in 1967. He was also the first to do a "piggyback" transplant in 1971, and he was the first to do a heart-lung transplant.