

The Heartland of Southern Africa- Development is about people

SCOA Consultative Meetings



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Limpopo- The Provincial Treasury Municipal Finance Chief Directorate and National Treasury Chief Directorate on Local Government Budget Analysis are rolling out SCOA (Standards of Charts of Accounts) road shows in all districts. The aim of the road shows was to consult Provincial Treasuries, Municipalities and other key stakeholders in the local sphere of government across the length and breadth of the country. Rifumo News crew also attended. The National Treasury embarked on a budget reform program since 1999 aiming at improving accountability and modernising the accounts of government, primarily by bringing budget and expenditure reporting in line with international best practice. The ultimate aim of this reform remains unchanged. It is to pro-

vide better quality information to legislatures to assist in the policy making process and to reinforce Parliament's oversight role. The benefits to be derived from SCOA include, among others, the alignment of spending and revenue collection based on classifications consistent with national/provincial departments within the uniqueness of local government. The framework provides for coding of transactions for classifying budgeting and financial reporting labels for revenue, expenditure, assets, liabilities and net assets.

"SCOA is about ensuring proper alignment between the budget, reporting and accountability informing financial sustainability & evidence based financial management. The Benefits from standardising are transparency,

reporting flexibility, comparability, uniform transaction process, report automation, system design, XBRL, consolidation and single version of the truth. This also entails that various systems shall have the same basis for classification ensuring consistency in financial information disseminated into the public domain" said Ngoepe. Ngoepe is the Senior Manager for MFMA coordination and Inter-governmental Fiscal Relations

District	Date	Time
Sekhukhune	10/10/2013 Friday	08h30
Mopani	15/10/2013 Tuesday	08h30
Vhembe	16/10/2013 Wednesday	08h30
Capricorn	17/10/2013 Thursday	08h30
Waterberg	18/10/2013 Friday	08h30

“SCOA is about ensuring proper alignment”

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Editorial Note



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The United Nations observed the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) on October 17 as the international community is pursuing twin objectives of intensifying efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and formulating the next set of goals to guide our efforts after we reach the MDG target date of 2015.

The commemoration of the day also raised awareness on the issue of extreme poverty and the erosion of human rights. Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Fourth World committee will hold a public meeting at the European Parliament, focusing on the theme "Working together towards a world without discrimination: Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty".

The post-2015 agenda must have poverty eradication as its highest priority and sustainable development at its core. After all, the only way to make poverty eradication irreversible is by putting the world on a sustainable development path.

Poverty levels in the world have declined significantly in the last two decades but progress has been uneven. Despite remarkable progress more than 1.2 billion people still live in extreme poverty worldwide. An urgent need, especially because, despite the best intentions of governments, development agencies and donors.

Our current efforts to formulate, implement and evaluate policies and programs to eradicate poverty have largely overlooked or ignored the unique knowledge based on the experience that people living in the worst conditions have accumulated, in some cases, over several generations. As a result, all too often, the policies and programs meant to eradicate poverty are ill-adapted to the needs, realities and expectations of the people they are supposed to be helping.

Departmental Officials in the learning mood



Polokwane- At least twenty four (24) LPT officials attended Basic Project Management Course as from the 7-11 October 2013. The course was coordinated by HRD directorate and facilitated by PALAMA at the Department of Public Works first floor boardroom.

PALAMA, is derived from a Se-Sotho word, which means "Arise!" or "Get on Board" – it is a call to all Public Servants to use the Academy to gain better skills in the interest of better service delivery to all South Africans. PALAMA accounts to the Minister for Public Service and Administration, Lindiwe Nonceba Sisulu and Deputy Minister Ayanda Dlodlo.

According to the Departmental Training Coordinator Ms. Elisa Matlou officials at lower and middle management were exposed to project management within the government context. Matlou said that attendees have got eight weeks to compile their portfolios and submission thereof. Failing which they will be regarded incompetent. The department will recover training costs from such officials in accordance with the LPT Staff Development Policy. The officials that are going to comply in terms of deadlines and other requirements will receive certificates of competence at NQF level 5 on submission of portfolio of evidence. "HRD intends taking another group of 24 in the last quarter to capacitate them in the effective management of projects" said Matlou. Some quick facts about PALAMA (Public Administration Leadership and Management

Academy)

"HRD intends taking another group of 24 in the last quarter"

The Director-General is Professor Major General Lekoa Solly Mollo. PALAMA's new two-stream strategy provides the best training and skills development available for South Africa's Public Service SMS – in other words all 10 000 Directors, Chief Directors, Deputy Directors-General and Directors-General and the South Africa's Public Service junior and middle managers – the 250 000 Public Servants between the ranks of Assistant and Deputy Director (i.e. salary levels 9-12).

Based on perception surveys, more than 80% of participants on PALAMA's training to date have indicated that it is of a high quality and standard. Lastly, when the Speakers' Forum took a decision in 2009 to capacitate MP's and MPL's, PALAMA was tasked to develop and deliver a programme befitting of needs and responsibilities of Members of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures.

LPT Capacity building line of command



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The 2nd Quarter that was.....



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House Keeping

Corruption

What is Corruption?

Corruption is the unlawful, intentional giving / offer to give any benefit not legally due in circumstances where there is a prohibition or any offer or acceptance of such benefits, in return for a commission or an act in relation to certain powers or duties.

Different types of corruption:

- Abuse of Government resources
- Failure to comply with rules and regulations
- Misuse or abuse of property
- Favouritism and nepotism
- Conflict of interest
- Abuse of privileged information
- Fraud, theft and bribery
- Abuse of sick leave
- Abuse of power
- Extortion and forgery etc.

Impact of corruption:

Corruption threatens the stability and security of societies. It undermines the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice. It jeopardizes sustainable development and the rule of Law. It robs our citizen, the poor and vulnerable and also those more fortunate, of the services and benefits of our Government.

What is fraud?

It is an unlawful and intentional making of a misrepresentation resulting in actual or potential prejudice to another.

Different types of fraud:

- Misappropriation of assets
- Suppression of or omission of the effects of transaction from records / documents
- Recording of transactions without substance
- Misappropriation of accounting policies

Please report the above to departmental Security and Investigation Services directorate @ 015 298 7196 or Head of Department @ 015 298 7176 or Director General Office (Office of the Premier) @ 015 287 6000 or alternative National Public Service Anti-Corruption Hotline @ 0800 701 701

By Security and Investigation Services Directorate.

MISSION

To provide ethical, consultative and people focused services through sound financial Management, including attaining and maintaining effective financial resources management

Did you know?

Did you know?

The 675 kilometres of electricity transmission lines that were laid in 2013 is the largest level in more than 20 years.

Did you know?

The 120 km pipeline to deliver additional water to Eskom and Sasol has been completed. The Komati scheme that will supply water to two power stations in Mpumalanga.

Did you know?

The road maintenance programme saw basic maintenance of some 21 000 km of roads in the past year, which is almost equal to the size of the African continent's coastline. It also created many thousands of job opportunities in the nine provinces.

Did you know?

Life expectancy figures have shown a gradual improvement from 2006 onwards, after a decline from 2001-2005.

Did you know?

The Rapid Mortality Surveillance showed an increase in life expectancy to 60 years in 2011.

VISION

To be the best provincial Fund Raiser, Allocator, Monitor, Manager and Evaluator of the public finance for socio-economic development in South Africa

"We are the best in what we do"