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RAPHESU ON LIMPOPO DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Polokwane- Provincial Treasury held its Strategic planning session which was attended by all LPT SMS members on the 4th of November 2014. The purpose of the session was to consider the draft Limpopo Development Plan(LDP) priorities, adopt plans by all programmes and also to ensure that the Departmental Plans are aligned to the NDP, the 2014 – 2019 Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) and the draft LDP. The purpose of the LDP is to articulate a development vision for the province in support of the NDP that can be shared by all communities in the province and to craft a strategy from the vision in which all these communities can participate.

“The LDP is the overarching strategy for Limpopo province for the next five years i.e. from 2014/2015-2019/2020

fiscal years. The LDP strives for economic development and transformation to enable the province to address triple challenges which are poverty, inequality and unemployment” said Raphesu

“The main economic agenda of the LDP is to intensify job-creation and enhance the skills base of the province towards supporting socio-economic growth and development in the province” she said.

Raphesu told the session that there are lessons learnt from the PGDS and LEGDP implementation. These are amongst others, appropriate spatial planning and priority setting. Targets set need to be realistic and based on clear and accurate baseline indicators. There is a need for a

province-specific vision for Limpopo - a shared vision.

“Issues of sustainability and the environment are critical towards ensuring sustainable development. The role and the possibilities of Limpopo in the context of regional integration is important. Extensive consultation is also critical towards ensuring the success of a development strategy. Funding of the provincial development strategy is critical. EXCO Cluster committees should play a strategic role in supporting the strategy. Role clarification is important and develop a simple, understandable, to-the-point and informative brochure on the provincial development plan” Raphesu added.

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“The main economic agenda of the LDP”



BUILDING A DEVELOPMENTAL STATE an extract from Ms. Patricia Raphesu Senior manager Strategic Operations and Policy Coordination's presentation

The objective is to raise the effectiveness and efficiency of the developmental state by way of relevant organisation structuring and recruiting, targeted training, the building of a culture of service and responsibility, improved municipal services, integrated development management, and co-operation between all organisations in the development process.

Improved governance

Political will and change of mind set is critical in enhancing good governance. During the implementation of the LDP IAP, efforts will be made to emphasize on the implementation of best practices with particular emphasis on transparency, accountability and capacity to provide sustainable services. This is expected to contribute towards decrease in fraud and corruption in the government sector.

Financial Management

The province has not fully attained operation clean audit as set for the year 2014. In this term, the aim is to achieve and maintain unqualified outcomes in all Provincial departments and municipalities through providing and assisting all the municipalities and provincial departments to realise sustainable improvement in financial management and governance that will yield unqualified audits by 2019. The focus will be on financial management, making sure that we have functioning audit committees and internal audit units and effective leadership that will take us to the next level.

Skills development for growing the provincial economy

Effective Implementation of the LDP IAP requires an educated and skilled workforce to take on new challenges and exploit opportunities across all the sectors prioritised to accelerate socio economic development in the province. The province will continue to implement HRD Plan in line with the developmental needs of growing the economy will be implemented to ensure attainment of the provincial objectives.



President Jacob Zuma and acting Premier Kgolane Phala at Giyani Stadium

PRESIDENT ZUMA OPENS NEW WATER TREATMENT SCHEME IN GIYANI DURING PRESIDENTIAL SIYAHLOLA PROGRAMME.

Giyani-President Jacob Zuma opened a new water treatment scheme in Giyani in on the 30 November 2014. More than 55 villages are still experiencing water shortages despite the Mopani District Municipality being declared a disaster area about five years ago. The area has been without consistent water supply for many years. In 2009, Muyexe village was piloted for rural development by the Zuma administration.

Residents listed water as their first priority. However, five years later, Muyexe was still without water. A total of 21 boreholes were drilled, but they were not working, which has seen some residents express their frustration. A stone throw from the Giyani town, at Bode village, residents do their laundry and fetch water from the nearby Letaba river.

They share the water with animals such as goats. Residents say they have been without water for more than three months. In September, Water and Sanitation Minister, Nomvula Mokonyane, committed more than R100 million to improve the water situation in the Giyani area. The water provision function has been taken away from the Mopani District Municipality and has been given to Lepelle Northern Water Board.

This was due to the district municipality's inability to provide water, the board's acting CEO, Phineas Legodi, says

the old pipes had to be removed.

Legodi says that it will take some time before water is fully restored to about 55 villages.

It is hoped that the new water scheme, which was opened by President Jacob Zuma on Friday will help alleviate the water shortages. President Zuma was accompanied by Water and Sanitation Minister, Nomvula Mokonyane, acting Premier of Limpopo Province MEC Kgolane Phala and senior government officials.



Koekemoer Pieter : Senior Manager for Enterprise Risk Management Manager

WE ARE AT A TURNING POINT- RISK OVERVIEW.

The Senior Manager for Enterprise and Risk Management Pieter Koekemoer cautioned SMS members during his Risk Overview presentation at the departmental Strategic Planning Session on Tuesday, Masana Lodge. Koekemoer says that the fiscal consolidation can no longer be postponed. To do otherwise would risk exposing the country to a debt trap with damaging consequences for development for many years to come. Restraining the growth of government's wage bill is an important aspect if not government will be forced to curtail service delivery, either by reducing social spending or capital budgets, or by trimming staff numbers.

"Over the MTEF period, government's fiscal objectives are to contain growth in budgets for goods and services and compensation of employees. Government proposes a series of measures to narrow the deficit and stabilise debt over the medium term. One the five elements of the fiscal package is to freeze government personnel headcounts" he said. To effect the lower ceiling, national government will freeze budgets of non-essential goods and services at 2014/15 levels. Withdraw funding for posts that have been vacant for some time. The provincial equitable share will also be reduced. Reductions in provincial and local conditional grants will target patterns of under expenditure. He also says that over the next two years during which there is little scope to augment resources, the budget process will be refocused. A new approach to budget preparation will extend the scope and quality of long-term

expenditure planning. A comprehensive assessment will examine baseline estimates for the outer year and emphasising value for money and alignment with longer term policy priorities.

To contain compensation budget pressures, government personnel headcounts will be frozen for the next two years. Any increase in personnel will be funded from existing allocations. The National Treasury, the

Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation, the Department of Public Service Administration and officials from other departments will conduct a review over the next year to consider the permanent withdrawal of funded vacancies. Natural attrition will create space for new appointments. Exceptions will be considered for critical positions, with the onus on departments to justify exceptions.

Disability month launched!!

Limpopo provincial government together with Human Rights Commission has launched the Provincial Disability Month. This is after the Cabinet in 2013 approved that November 3 to December 3 be observed as National Disability Rights Awareness Month, and that December 3 be observed as the National Day of Persons with Disabilities. This provides the country with an opportunity to showcase and celebrate progress made in realising the political and socio-economic rights of persons with disabilities as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, including the rights to equality, dignity and self-reliance.

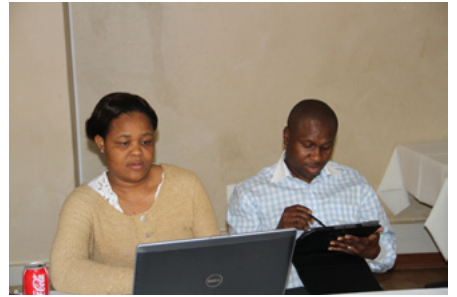
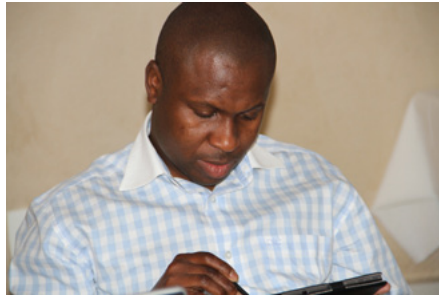
The launch took place on the 6th November 2014 at Nirvana hall under the theme "Break barriers, open doors to realise an inclusive society for all". The Limpopo Provincial Government has made significant impact in realisation of people with disabilities. About 2% of people with disabilities are employed in the provincial

administration as senior management level. The province has managed to contribute more on the: accessibility of government buildings and education facilities, access to housing and other basic services, participation in politics, access to health care facilities and social grants and participation in cultural, recreation and sports activities. As a result, the province has about 15 councilors, 2 traditional leaders and 3 members of legislature with disabilities.

Siyahlola Presidential Program in Pictures



Strategic Planning Session in Pictures



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LIMPOPO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PROVINCIAL TREASURY

Vision

Excellence in Public Resource
Management for Socio-Economic
development

Mission

Empowering Provincial and Local
Government for sustainable service
delivery through good governance
and sound public resource
management

Values

- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Fairness
- Professionalism

"We are the best in what we do"