

NATIONAL TREASURY WORKSHOP

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On the 2nd of April 2009, the Office of the Premier together with Limpopo Provincial treasury held an extremely exciting and informative workshop at Bolivia Lodge, a few kilometers outside the City of Polokwane, which was facilitated by National Treasury.Illl



***“We are championing a greater cause, and that is the hill we are aiming at”,
HoD Rob Tooley***

The purpose of the workshop was to familiarise officials from all Limpopo Provincial Government Departments with the prescribed methods of compiling documents for submission to the National Treasury. Present at the workshop were HoD's, CFO's and other officials representative of all Limpopo Provincial Government Departments and two officials from the National treasury

The programme was directed by HoD for Limpopo Provincial Treasury Mr Rob Tooley and was divided into 8 sessions namely: Budget Process, Budget reform and performance budgeting, Strategic Planning: Concepts, Annual Performance Plans: Concepts, Target Setting and Activity Based Costing, Quarterly Performance Reporting,

Annual Reports and Audit of Performance Information



“If you don't measure results, you can't tell success from failure”, said Dr Moore from National Treasury

In his opening remarks, HoD welcomed all who attended and further stressed that all should listen attentively and absorb it all. The presence of the National Treasury officials is very important as it will assist officials from various departments to produce documents that are correct, credible and that are within the standards of National treasury. It surfaced that departments find it a challenge to correctly produce documents that they submit to National Treasury and to do Target Setting and Activity Based Costing.



“I know you can, you just have to make some few changes”, said Mr Chris Adams from National Treasury

The first presentation was done by Dr Sandra Suklal, Senior General Manager for Sustainable Resource Management at

Limpopo Provincial Treasury. Her presentation was on Budget Process. She stressed that the whole budget process is based on policy priorities and public expenditure. 'The decisions that are made are based on priorities, evaluation of service delivery achievements and credible spending plans', said Dr Suklal.



One issue that kept on popping up was services delivery and that public servants have to find ways of delivering quality services with limited resources. The HoD for Limpopo Provincial Treasury gave closing remarks.

' we are planning a training session where HoD's and other officials will be trained on results based management, the development of indicators and the application thereof, She concluded.



The remaining sessions were handled by Dr Anitjie Moore and Mr Chris Adams. All topics for all sessions were well demystified by the two officials from National Treasury. After each presentation, time was allocated for questions, additions, comments and clarifications. Officials debated vigorously and fiercely on a number of issues but, at the end they reached a consensus.