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Senior Managers under financial Management Chief Directorate.  
From left to right. Baloyi M.O , Ramutheseli M.G and Meshweu R.

## Financial Management conducts workshop on the Fundamentals

**Polokwane-** The Limpopo Provincial Treasury Financial Management Chief Directorate hosted a two days' workshop for two sets of teams separately at MJ Gateway on the 17-18 September 2013. The target audience was the senior and middle management in LPT. The workshop has dedicated itself to sharing and educating the managers in the area of fundamental financial management. The event was also designed for those in charge of budgets in the organisation across the board. Messer's Ramusetheli, Baloyi and Mushweu who are senior managers under the financial management chief directorate made presentations at the workshop. The three shared a lot with the audience and RIFUMO NEWS also attended.

On the interfaces between systems, Ramusetheli said that "the Limpopo Provincial Government uses three financial systems namely, Finest, Persal and Basic Account System (BAS)." Finest is a procurement system which is used for the issuing of orders for purchase of goods and services. Persal is the Personnel and Salary system which is used for paying or processing of all salaries and allowances and BAS is a reporting

system which is used for reporting purposes. BAS is also used to process payments for goods and services as from the 2008/09 financial year. Ramusetheli also said that "Persal interfaces with BAS always when there is a salary run. All transactions which are captured in Persal will interface with BAS when there is a batch run (whether normal or supplementary run)."

Finest system does not interface with

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BAS anymore since the beginning of the 2008/09 financial year. "This was a Provincial Treasury decision where orders have to be captured in Finest and also in BAS. This is a serious challenge as it has created more workload" Ramusetheli added.

Some of the financial fundamentals that the workshop clarified include unauthorized expenditure, irregular expenditure, and virement of funds and rollover of funds. According Ramusetheli, unauthorized expenditure is overspending of a vote or main division. It is expenditure not in accordance with the purpose of vote or main division and it must be reported to Treasury on discovery. Irregular expenditure is expenditure not in accordance with PFMA and procurement legislations or regulations. It must be reported to Treasury or procurement authority on discovery. Treasury or procurement authority may condone.

"If not condoned losses must be recovered and the amounts must be disclosed in the annual financial statements." he said. On virement of funds, section 43 of PFMA provides for the reallocation of savings by the Accounting Officer from one programme to defray excess expenditure in another programme within the same vote. The Accounting Officer is required to report such virement

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particulars within seven days to the relevant Executive Authority and Treasury. On rollover of funds, the following limitations are applicable. Unspent funds on capital expenditure may only be rolled over to finalize projects or asset acquisition still in progress. Transfer payments may not be rolled over for purposes other than that originally voted for. Current expenditures savings on personnel expenditure may not be rolled over and a maximum of 5% non-personnel expenditure may be rolled over across financial years.

*Supply Chain Management and Financial Accountability presentations will feature in our coming RIFUMO NEWS editions.*



# Editorial Note

The South African government resolved to use the theme “Reclaiming, restoring and celebrating our heritage” for the 2013 Heritage Month Celebration. The aim among others is to foster social cohesion, nation building, inclusive citizenship and an end to xenophobia and homophobia and to promote the significance of Liberation Heritage as part of the Cultural Heritage of South Africa to the youths and “born free” generations.

Children born in 1994 will be able to vote for the first time in 2014 and this is an important milestone for the nation. Young people are confronted with an ever changing world, globalization, rapid technological advances etc. It is important that they remain rooted in their cultural traditions and practices.

The theme for Heritage Day 2013 is aimed at encouraging the youth to realize that no major civilization or development has happened outside a cultural and heritage context. The theme also renders itself as a social mobiliser as it encourages various strata of the society to identify the need to reconnect with the past in order to actively participate in shaping the direction of the future. Such strata includes youth, women, people living with disabilities, students, learners, civil society, religious and cultural fraternities, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, business and recreation and sport.

The tangible heritage infrastructures in a form of heritage sites are closely related to particular collective memories. These collective memories which at times are closely tied to particular events symbolic of our history qualify as part of our Liberation Heritage which consequently forms part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. This clearly shows the relationship between Tangible Cultural Heritage and Intangible Cultural Heritage. Also and most critically, the manner in which we opt to preserve and communicate these collective

memories to the young generation of “born free” will determine the type of society envisaged. And the envisaged type of society for South Africa is that it represents the rainbow nation, promote unity and social cohesion among diverse sectors of the South African public.



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## Wellness Day

Employee Health and Wellness, a sub-directorate of Transformation Service, coordinated a Wellness Day in the Department. This was done in partnership with GEMS. The wellness day was held at Ismini Towers on 11 September 2013 and at Finance House on 12 September 2013. Integrated health services were brought to the workplace under one roof.

The following services were accessed by Treasury employees:

1. Medical check-ups/health screening:
  - Blood pressure
  - Cholesterol
  - Blood Sugar level
  - Body Mass Index (BMI)
2. HCT (HIV Counselling and Testing & TB screening.
3. Eye care service
4. Dental service
5. Books for healthy lifestyles.

Some employees became Good Samaritans by donating blood to SANBS.

Wellness days are organized quarterly by Transformation Services to encourage employees to take control of their health and be ready to manage life styles diseases

LPT  
Wellness Day





# House Keeping

## STANDARDISATION OF LPT EMAILS SIGNATURES.

The departmental Communication Policy provides direction regarding the basic requirements of communication and sets standards for effective communication within the department.

The purpose of the policy, amongst others, is to provide guidelines on:

- Effective and efficient dissemination of LPT information across the department,
- All forms of communication used in LPT,
- Communication with internal stakeholders - employees mainly; and
- Communication with external stakeholders

Clause 10.6.2.3 of the Communication Policy, stipulates that “all E-mails should be standardised and be in the same signature format”.

In collaboration with GITO, Communication Services directorate is currently exploring the possibility of standardising all departmental email signatures and create a signature that is professional, easy to digest and informative.

A poor email signature can hurt the professional reputation, add unnecessary bulk, and be a distraction from the content in your message.

This project is in phases and it is envisaged to be completed within 6(six) weeks if all goes according to plan.

By Communication Services

The National Department of Tourism will be celebrating the 2013 Tourism Month at the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality from the 25th - 27th September 2013 under the theme Tourism and water – Protecting our common future, as identified by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). The theme for the 2013 Tourism Month highlights the need to bring the tourism sector and water management stakeholders closer together to spur tourism's contribution to water sustainability and the industry's own future survival. From the above UNWTO theme, the NDT has localized it to “Water is Fun” to be in line with the Domestic Tourism Campaign.

## Did you know?

Did you know?

**More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.**

Did you know?

**The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910**

Did you know?

**It is impossible to lick your elbow.**

Did you know?

**The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night.**

Did you know?

**90% of people laugh harder when trying to explain why they are laughing.**

Did you know?

**It usually takes a person longer to tell a lie than to tell the truth.**

Did you know?

**Singing daily for at least 10 minutes reduces stress, clears sinuses, improves posture and can even help you live longer.**

Did you know?

**People who were born from September to November are more likely to live 100 years old.**

Did you know?

**It is estimated that the world's oceans contain up to 10 billion tons of gold.**