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Limpopo Provincial Treasury hosts the Provincial Infrastructure Indaba

Limpopo Provincial Treasury held the first Provincial Infrastructure Indaba today (on the 01st of December 2008) at Meropa casino and conference centre.

In his opening address the MEC for Provincial Treasury, Sa'ad Cachalia indicated that the main purpose to hold the indaba was to ensure that infrastructure opportunities and delivery programmes are cascaded down to the people of Limpopo.

He also emphasised the need for various institutions involved in infrastructure development and maintenance to work together in pursuit of a reliable infrastructure that will address critical areas including unemployment, schools, hospitals, roads, water, and housing and meet the challenges of basic needs.

“The key themes of this indaba include, amongst others, the encouragement of integrated planning and information sharing processes. This is aimed at creating linkages between the provincial administration and local government together with the context of infrastructure delivery nationally.” said Cachalia.

This indaba is expected to facilitate “discussions and inputs that will culminate in a Provincial 15 Year Integrated Infrastructure Plan.”

Other speakers at the conference include a Zambian delegation led by Mr Peter Lubambo from the department of Local Government in that country. They shared the

experiences that Zambia has on meeting rural water supply, sanitation and infrastructure lessons that Limpopo may learn from. He emphasised the importance of water in infrastructure together with its direct and indirect social impact.

The Infrastructure indaba is also graced by the presence and participation of the Irish Embassy, academics, experts and leaders in various areas of infrastructure development.

On Day Two speakers, including Dr Iraj Aberdian, Dean Pelser and Malcolm Simpson will share the podium to discuss among other issues - The World Economy, SA Economy and its Impact on Infrastructure delivery, Facilitating Infrastructure Delivery at Local Authority Level and Sustainable Infrastructure beyond 2010

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