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Limpopo Provincial Treasury (LPT) hosts the small businesses Imbizo

The honourable Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Provincial Treasury, Sa'ad Cachalia invited small businesses in the Waterberg district, to an Imbizo aimed at empowering them with knowledge on the public sector procurement. This took place today (12 August 2010) at the Phagameng Community Hall, outside Modimolle.

The occasion was graced by the presence of the Mayor for Modimolle Local Municipality, Councillor Kgaretja Lekalakala and Ms Julia Modela representing the Waterberg District Mayor.

As part of the proceedings, the representative of small businesses were given an opportunity to get clarification on areas including pricing and costing, compliance with receiver of revenue for tendering, contract performance monitoring and the role that Treasury plays in public finance management.

MEC Cachalia stressed that *"Treasury's role is to minimise any possibility in our system for corruption. We monitor good governance as represented by adherence by all government institutions to the prescriptions of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and other relevant legislation"*.

MEC Cachalia also indicated that the centrality of women in the fight against poverty and their participation in the economic activities of the province through access to Supply Chain Management processes was *"not negotiable"*.

MEC Cachalia also committed Provincial Treasury to further this resolve, *"Women are the heart of the nation. South Africa is one of the few nations that, as a matter of policy, put in place a programme to ensure that there is fair representation of genders at all levels of society. We are unwavering in our resolve to monitor our procurement policies to ensure that all institutions of government follow these prescriptions."*

Provincial Treasury has been a vanguard for women's recognition and empowerment. The Accountant-General of the Limpopo Province, Ms Fanisa Lamola, and the Senior Manager for Supply Chain Management (Tender Advice Centres) Ms Betty Malope were also present to support and give meaning to this day.

Councillor Lekalakala thanked Provincial Treasury for the efforts taken to communicate public finance management in a manner that is *"accessible and understandable to all members of the community."*

The second part of the Imbizo took a seminar approach with presentations made by Provincial Treasury partners. Issues for further discussion were on how small business can develop their business profiles, the financing of small businesses, listing of supplies on the restricted database, etc.

Other partners during this project were the Modimolle Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality, Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), Limpopo Business Support Agency (LIBSA), South African Revenues Services (SARS) and the Department of Labour, Construction Industry Board (CIDB), National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC), and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

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