



"Here we go" Mr Ndeavha Ramakuela, Polokwane Municipality Director for 2010

The purpose of the Indaba was to enable countries and institutions, especially tourist destinations to market themselves internationally and strengthen their networking as well. The event was very timely in the light of the 2009 Confederations Cup as well as the 2010 World Cup. It is against this background that hotels, lodges and Game reserves went all out to market themselves as aggressively as possible to both local and international potential clients.

Limpopo Province was represented by Treasury, Tourism and Parks, Capricorn District Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality, Mopani District Municipality, Sekhukhune District Municipality as well as Waterberg District Municipality.



Ke nako - Envisioning a better World cup.

A lot of countries participated in the event. Malawi, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Tanzania, Madagascar, Namibia, Mauritius, Zanzibar, Lesotho, Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and Nigeria. In South Africa, all the nine provinces took part in the Indaba.

For the first time in its history, Limpopo Provincial Treasury took part in the annual International Exhibition Indaba in the city centre of Durban. The Indaba took place from the 9-12 May 2009.



A global icon's Museum

Information materials as well as business cards were dishd out to members of the public who paid visits to the stalls. Some institutions also gave out various promotional

LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL TREASURY PARTICIPATES IN A HISTORIC EXHIBITION



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MEC SA'AD CACHALIA PRESENTS AN INSPIRATIONAL 2009/10 BUDGET SPEECH.



"Communicating realistic expectations," MEC Sa'ad Cachalia, HOD Rob Tooley and SGM Sookhli.



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BUDGET SPEECH IN PICTURES



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"All colours"



"All cultures"



"Mission accomplished"

"Children are the most vulnerable citizens in any society and the greatest of our treasure. Children must at least play in the open fields, no longer tortured by the pangs of hunger or ravaged by disease or threatened with the scourge of ignorance, molestation and abuse and no longer required to engage in deeds whose gravity accedes the demands of their tender years", Nelson Mandela, Nobel peace prize Ceremony, Oslo, Norway 1993

"Let us build a nation that is forever mindful of its history, of those who have sacrificed so much, and the many who put down their lives so that we can be here today."

President Jacob Zuma during his inauguration

We must avoid all the unnecessary costs when executing our programmes. Let us tighten our fiscal controls and discipline so that we not only achieve more than five unqualified reports from the Auditor General, but we also deliver more and more to our people", MEC Sedad Cachalia 2009/10 Budget Speech.

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As proud South Africans, let us all stand and work together towards the eradication of poverty and build a prosperous economy.

Limpopo Provincial Treasury will implement and execute control measures dictated by the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and other related legislations.

SMMEs and Co-operatives.

We shall also improve on the capacity of all the departments, project management and financial management, so that we provide quality services to Limpopo citizens. Furthermore, we shall ensure that there is value for money in Supply Chain Management including the payment of service providers, especially the SMMEs and Co-operatives.

"... we will utilize state levers such as procurement, licensing and financial support to assist small medium enterprises as well as to promote the implementation of Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment."

This is in line with poverty eradication and sustainable economic development. President Jacob Zuma stated during the State of the Nation Address 2009.

Our priorities remain focused on education, health, rural development, creation of decent work and the fight against crime.

South African government has put programmes in place to mitigate the impact of the economic crisis. Government will continue to allocate appropriate resources to expend appropriately in order to accelerate the pace of service delivery to all its citizens. Hence, Limpopo Provincial Treasury will continue to improve on implementing its responsibilities to ensure an efficient and effective allocation of resources.

South African citizens have once again participated in national democratic elections. They have firmly mandated government to accelerate the provision of basic services to the poor, facilitate economic growth and job creation.

FOREWORD BY MEC



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The first quarter for the financial year 2009/10 has come and gone into the distance. It has truly disappeared in front of us like a block of ice melting in the suffocating heat of the Sahara desert. We are once again reminded that, time is a crucial factor and that it only acts for those who use it with purpose and not those who let it slip by.

What a dramatic quarter it turned out to be! Out of the national elections that took place on the 22 April, we have a new administration which is full of fire, passion and inspiration to expand the frontiers of service delivery and take them to a higher level with the supreme objective of creating a better life for all. Indeed, change is permanent and "we need to be the change that we want to see in the world", as the Great Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of the Indians once said.

As employees of Limpopo Provincial Treasury, we continue to reflect the glory of Africa's rising sun and breathe in tune with the new rhythm of tomorrow.

As we deliver services to our people, each day we take into account the fact that every day we face a different world for which we must seek a different road to the future. We should take the time to interrupt the sense of sameness that threatens to kill our senses to the fullness and possibility of the moment in our service to the Fatherland.

We remain dedicated to the war that was declared fifteen years ago by the government against underdevelopment, unemployment and poverty. We pledge that going forward, our engagement with the enemies of a better life for all will be like two empty egg shells hitting each other with hammers.

We will always believe in the nobility of work for the people of this province as the creative expression of the best that lies within us and as our noble share in easing out the common load and burden of our clients. And to the degree to which we align ourselves with the correct Public Service Administration principles, natural endowments shall be released from our nature, enabling us to fulfill the measure of our creations.



Connecting with South Africans



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Cultural passion for a greater purpose



Getting the job done.



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As the editorial team, we wish you a pleasurable read for the articles in this newsletter are like the refreshing ocean breeze, that cool lonely breeze that calms the hot stifled air of a summer afternoon.

We believe. We care. We serve.

And together we beat the drums for service delivery! There is no good in goodbye.



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support them to become the leaders of tomorrow's Maria Lebepe, the Deputy Principal for Mohlakane High School thanked the Mec for organizing the event. She further stressed that learners are the same all over the world for they were created by the God. The HOD for Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Rob Tooloy who is himself a symbol of multi cultural assimilation had this to say: "Learners from various countries, it has been great to have you here in Limpopo. Local learners, you are very special indeed. All of you are our youth. Work hard at school and follow your dreams. All that you want to achieve, you will achieve."



"The learners in a relaxing mood"

You have showed that as South Africans, we base our existence on reason, respect, kindness and understanding. We appreciate things by actions." He said that as government they appreciate both sets of learners and



"Take my hand and walk with me out of the past of yesterday into the future of tomorrow"

In his speech, the Mec Sa'ad Cachalia said that he hoped the youth from different countries have learnt a lot with regard to the various cultures in South Africa. He also thanked the local students for being committed to the programme and living peacefully with the learners from foreign countries. "Our students thank you so much for your ability to accommodate these students from so many countries. You have shown the South African hospitality and kindness."

Limpopo Provincial Treasury organized an exciting come together on the 26 February 2009.



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THE AUDITOR GENERAL ADDRESSES MUNICIPALITIES.

have a very important relationship with the office of the Auditor General. He mentioned that the role of the Auditor General is now well understood within the context of our democracy. As we deliver services, things should be done efficiently, effectively and economically. There has been a tremendous improvement in how municipalities operate in the terrain of service delivery. They deserve to be applauded even if some still receive qualified audit reports," he said.



"We stand at the edge of service delivery"
His Excellency Thabo Makunyane

On the 17 March 2009, the Auditor General of the Republic of South Africa, together with members of his Office, held a meeting with municipalities. The meeting was held at Bolivia lodge. It was a follow up to the door to door visits to Limpopo municipalities that the Auditor General did last year in August.



"Things should be done efficiently and effectively"
Auditor General Terrence Nombembe

The Auditor General mentioned that since his visit to the municipalities of the province, things have improved in most municipalities. He stated that his purpose is to ensure that municipalities get clean audit reports for this will impact on their image as well as on service delivery at large.



"We are committed to clean audit reports."

He applauded all municipalities which managed to address the matters that made them to receive qualified audit reports. He however encouraged all municipalities to continue addressing the issues of hiring people with the right skills like FCOs, making sure that the CFOs are supported by relevantly skilled and qualified subordinates, hiring auditors who can really do the job, professionally keeping their records. "The sight of clean audit reports in all municipalities is not far. We are indeed moving in the right direction. And we need to sustain the momentum so that we can reach the winning line", he concluded.

AFRICA DAY



"A present to gladden the heart". Mr Ozawa receives a present

with disabilities have the necessary resources that enable them to unleash their potential for the benefit of the country. It is an effort to improve the lives of those who are challenged by poor sight. The Braille printer, which is the most expensive and sophisticated ever acquired by the South African National Association of Blind and Partially Sighted Persons, will open many doors of opportunities for



Passionate about compassion. His excellency Mr. Ozawa, many partially sighted people.

Delivering his speech, Mr. Selaelo Makgato said that they are very happy to receive the donation from the Japanese embassy.

Unpacking on the origin of the word "Braille". Mr Makgato said that the word comes from Louis Braille from France. He mentioned that Louis Braille blinded himself with an object at the age of nine. At first, only one eye became blind but after some time the second eye also followed. As a result, when Braille was introduced, it was named after him.

"We feel so much honoured and proud to receive a donation of this magnitude. This donation is going to open doors of employment for blind people. This is the third Braille printer for us. The other two were small and not as sophisticated as the one we are receiving now."

BRILLE PRINTER DONATION BY THE JAPANESE EMBASSY

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He further highlighted that, through Braille, they will contribute so much to the progress of the world. And that, twenty-three years to come, they should be able to stand on and proudly say this is what they managed to achieve with the Braille printer machine.

His Excellency, Mr. Ozawa stood up to say that as the Japanese embassy, they are passionate about compassion, they continue to affirm people at the grass roots level in poor communities, especially those who are living with disabilities. He said that their objective is to restore human dignity and to introduce such people to the world of opportunities. He further mentioned that Japan believes in the empowerment of previously disadvantaged people and will continue with this spirit.



Although we are partially sighted, we can sing well.

Delivering his key note address on behalf of the MEC for Education, MEC Pitsi Moloto said that Limpopo is grateful for the compassion and strong sense of responsibility that Japan shows to the people of Limpopo, especially the partially sighted. He asserted that the effort will go a long way towards the transformation of the lives of those who are partially sighted. "We feel humbled by this neighbourly gesture from the Japanese embassy. We believe that the donation will pave way to a world of opportunities for our people. It will also go a long way in ensuring that each, regardless of any physical challenge, has the opportunity of reaching for the skies."



Mr. Makgato, MEC Pitsi Moloto and His excellency Mr. Ozawa examines the machine.

THE 2009/10 BUDGET BREAKFAST

"Money must be spent wisely. We need to intervene and ensure that money allocated to departments is used for the programmes that it was intended for. We are prepared to always intervene and fight poverty throughout the province. The MEC also stated that the ANC led Government will make sure that the environment is conducive for business to flourish."



Guest to the gongilebox

"Our political situation is stable, the election hype is the same as in previous years. I therefore urge all business people to partner us as a Government to better the lives of our people through a qualitative service delivery."

Following in the footsteps of MEC Cachalia was Mr. JP Landman, a prominent economic analyst. He delivered a delightful presentation on the provincial budget, the national budget, the ANC's Polokwane Conference resolutions's effects on the performance of the national and provincial economy. His economic analysis filled everyone with optimism.



"Together we can do more"

Provincial ANC chairperson and current Premier, Mr. Cassel Mathale, said, "As government, we will continue to implement policies that are in place. We are not going to change anything in that regard. We will go on doing things the way Nelson Mandela conducted them. Faces of administration in government will change but we will continue with ANC policies in our efforts to deliver services to our people. We appeal to business people to support government in this endeavour."



Practicing the art of listening

MEC Saad Cachalia presented an exciting elaboration of the provincial 2009/10 budget speech that he tabled in the Lebowaikomo legislative chambers on the 19 February 2009. He also gave an analysis of the implications of the current global economic meltdown on the South African economy in general and the provincial one in particular. MEC Cachalia mentioned that the total budget allocation for the 2009/10 financial year is R34,540,445. This, he said, is made up of R30,421,005 as 'our portion of equitable share' and R4,119,440 as conditional grants. And this represents a 7% increase from 2008/9 financial year.

He further said that all things being equal, the amount will increase to R38 billion in the 2010/11 and R41 billion in the 2011/2012 financial year.

2009 AFRICA DAY CELEBRATED IN STYLE

Every year, the 25 May is celebrated all over the African continent as Africa Day. This day is marked as a commemoration of the founding of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) which saw the light of day on the 25 May 1963. The formation of this body not only provided hope for Africa's unity and independence, but also created expectations for a better life for African people. It put forth a new sense of visionary leadership and good governance, which would steer Africa onto a transformative and developmental path.



Chanting anthems of African victories
MEC Happy Joyce Mashamba directing the programme.

It gave Africans a fresh chance to see themselves anew, appreciate and celebrate themselves, their oneness, their special uniqueness, their diverse cultures, traditions and histories. In Limpopo, the day was celebrated in Nkwanakwa under the Mopani District municipality. About one thousand five-hundred people gathered in the big Tivumbeni hall to celebrate this day.

Those who graced the occasion included the Limpopo Premier Mr. Cassel Mathale, the Executive Mayor for



I am an African

Mopani District municipality, Cllr. Joshua Matlou, the Mayor of Greater Tzaneen local municipality Cllr. OJ Mushwana, some MECs, Municipal Managers, CFOs, Municipal Speakers as well as traditional leaders. The purpose of the day was to encourage adherence to democratic governance and a dynamic decisive leadership which is able to guide governments to ensure that they perform effectively for their citizens.



Beautiful like rainbows in the rain

Further than that, it was an effort to conscientize the people, especially the youth, to embrace their Africanness, to proudly speak their own indigenous languages, to love their traditions and more importantly to love their fellow brothers



Enchanted by the magic of Africa

and sisters especially those who share the African soil. The programme was directed by the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms Happy Joyce Mashamba. The national anthem was sung with passion and determination to declare the event officially open. Cllr. O.J. Mushwana extended his warm words of welcome to everyone. He also acknowledged guests who were present. Speaker after speaker came forth to condemn the xenophobic attacks that recently happened in South Africa. Professor G. Nkondo appealed to leaders of Africa to declare war on poverty, underdevelopment, a poor human rights record as well as the rape of justice. He also appealed to everyone to

