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Women are the soul of our society.

Take stock of the role that South African women played to liberate our nations from different forms of servility.

Our mothers and grandmothers, Adelaide Thambo, Albertina Sisulu, Fatima Meer, Lillian Ngoyi, Ruth Mompoti, Mamphela Ramphele, Ruth First, Ellen Khuzwayo and Miriam Makeba remain our heroines.

We also salute other unsung heroines.

We celebrate Cecilia Makiwane, who was the first African professional nurse in South Africa. We cannot ignore Patricia Jobodwana who was the youngest Black woman to enrol at a university doing a BSc in medicine at a tender age of 14.

We must always remember Charlotte Maxeke, who became the first South African Black woman to receive a Bachelor's degree as well as Mary Malahlela- Xakana who became first female Black doctor in South Africa.

We salute all the South African women that continue to excel in all fields currently.

This edition is dedicated to all South African women.

*Wathint'abafazi; wathint'imbokodo*



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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



**MEC Sa'ad Cachalia speaking to small businesses**

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,

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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."

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# Towards our freedom

South Africa is building towards the 17th year of freedom.

Let us take a moment and look back at where we come from.

Apartheid devoured itself and it was inevitable that a government inspired by the wishes and expectations of the majority would come.

The architects of this downfall were the people of this country – they are patriots. They fought for our freedom in exile, within the country and through their vote banished Apartheid into the dustbin

The Bantustans crumbled and left a gap that, today, makes it a serious challenge for government to place people at a spot where they can enjoy access to basic services.

We've had a very interesting and encouraging period whose setbacks have been surpassed mercilessly by the gains made.

*The South African economy is ranked number 32 in the world*

- The country imports at R70bn per year. Our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for the first quarter of 2010 is at 4,6%.
- The inflation rate in May 2010 is at 4.6%. Exports are at R67bn and are mostly with the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Major partners are the United States (US), China, Germany and Netherlands.



*"It is no easy walk to freedom"*

*Unprecedented improvement in public finance management*

- The Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 for national and provincial government and the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 for the local government sphere were passed and have put our country on a path where every expenditure made has to be accounted for. This has led to unprecedented improvement in the financial management of all state institutions."
- In the auditing process the matters of emphasis have been a central feature due to the thorough reporting requirements
- Corruption in the public sector has been dealt a serious blow over the years. Various Anti-corruption initiatives have made space very impossible for this. The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 paved the way for faster and more efficient methods to deal

with corruption with over 900 commercial crime trials in 2005/06 finalised with a conviction rate of over 94%.

*The Public Service has trans-formed remarkably.*

- It reflect the demography of our country. Africans are 72% of the service at all levels, but there is still a need for more persons with disability and women in senior. The proportion of white public servants has declined by 2%.
- Government has also put a lot of effort into Education and skills development.
- The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) has created temporary work opportunities for on-the-job training to improve partakers' chances of sustainable employment. Indeed, we have come a long way.
- Government has made progress in a number of areas that affect people's social status. Poverty has

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# Government visits GaNthata



*Premier of Limpopo, Cassel Mathale*

The Limpopo Provincial Government's Executive Committee (Cabinet) visited the community of GaNthata in the Mopani district. This took place on Friday, 29 July 2010. The purpose of this visit was to give members of this community an opportunity to influence government programmes and services delivered to this area.

Provincial Treasury, together with the department of Economic Development, visited the Prada brick making project. It is owned by eight (08) people who produce bricks with their "self-made block forms". Mr James Raboroko indicated that their major challenges include absence of vehicles to transport their products to buyers, poor access to water, and lack of fencing for their facility. Provincial Treasury provides advice on how these small businesses can benefit from the government's procurement system. During the main ceremony,

representatives from the taxi industry praised the efforts that government has employed in uplifting their business.

They were elated with the opportunity to participate in the destination branding for South Africa, especially during the 2010 Soccer World Cup. "Government must continue with the training on customer care that our taxi industry is receiving", said Hlungwani.

According to their spokesperson, Mr Raid Hlungwani, their participation included transporting fans to the Public Viewing Areas (PVAs) and the stadiums. They, however, indicated that there was an urgent need to improve some of the road infrastructure including "building bridges and tarring certain gravel roads".

The youth requested for government's intervention in managing the access of the young people, especially learners at schools. This, they suggest, can be

solved by creating a safe distance between the schools and drinking places like "taverns".

The meeting agreed that community members cannot afford to sit back and watch when some elements are creating a bad image about South Africa being xenophobic. The people of GaNthata will work against these bad attempts and have committed to live harmoniously with all members of the community regardless of their places of birth.

"An improvement is necessary in the promotion of access to persons living with disability, whether in government institutions or the private sector", said Mr Sello Mathe.

In his closing remarks, Premier Cassel Mathale reminded people of GaNthata of the importance of leadership in realising the challenges that communities face. "Government can only deliver appropriately when members of the community take an active participation in the management and execution of these gains",

The Limpopo Provincial Government intends to visit other communities during the course of the year.

The itinerary is as follows:

- MEC for Provincial Treasury, Sa/ad Cachalia also intends for his institution to embark on further visits to communities across the province.

The programme is as follows:

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# Towards our freedom

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become a central area of concern that government has, with sufficient certainty, successfully dented. The social security system is one of the most caring the world has ever seen.

The beneficiaries of this system have, remarkably, increased from 2,5million in 1999 to 12,5million (over 400%).

- Access to basic services has also improved tremendously: 2010

★ Access to electricity -	80%
★ Access to clean water -	88%
★ Access to flush toilets -	73%
★ Pupil-teacher ratio -	38%

South Africa has hosted a countless number of international events and fora that have put it at the forefront in the international fold.

Allow to preach to the converted:

- The 2010 Soccer World Cup, the 2003 Cricket World Cup, the 1999 All Africa Games, the 1996 African Nations Cup and the 1995 Rugby World Cup.
- UNCTAD IX Summit 1996, the Non-Aligned Movement Summit 1998, Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 1999, UN World Conference Against Racism (2001), African Union Summit (2002), World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002), Inauguration of Pan African Parliament (2006), SADC Summit



President Jacob Zuma addressing an audience during women's day 2010

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*"This budget, therefore, deliberately places greater emphasis on the social sector. Our emphasis on quality education, health and social development must be understood in the context of our continued resolve to challenge underdevelopment and eradicate poverty."*

**Sa'ad Cachalia: 20 November 2008**



Be a patriot and keep the beat of the march towards freedom going.

Do not wait for problems and for visitors to evaluate our ability before you feel confident about how excellent our country has become. On everything you do for our country, put the outcome of that process for the country as the first priority.

*"Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) is an integrated and coherent socio-economic process that directly contributes to the economic transformation of South Africa and brings about significant increases in the numbers of black people that manage, own and control the country's economy, as well as significant decreases in income inequalities."*

**Department of Trade and Industry  
BEE Strategy document)**



# Treasury equips learners with information

By Lawrence Mashabela



**Professor Mahlo Mokgalong addressing learners**

Limpopo Provincial Treasury attended the career exhibition held at Oscar Mpetha stadium, in the University of Limpopo (UNILIM), Turfloop campus, on the 31st of July 2010.

The stadium was fully packed with the learners and teachers from both private and public schools from all around all corners of Limpopo Province, including special schools for persons living with disabilities.

The function started at 09h30, and was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the university, Professor Mahlo Makgalong.

Mr. Kgalema Mohuba was the Programme Director for the gathering, calling one school after the other and leading the learners of those schools to get into the marquee tent to receive information concerning their career prospects.

The purpose of the exhibition was to provide all the prospective learners who wish to enroll themselves with different universities next year with information about bursaries, how to make a good career choice and requirements that a learner must meet in order to qualify for bursaries or to be admitted onto the university etc.

A lot of learners were interested in pursuing degrees in the commercial

and accounting fields

When speaking to the learners Professor Mokgalong said, *"Today is a day where you must listen very carefully, because what you would hear and receive here today is a weapon for your future. Receive all messages in the booklet and prospectus, if you really want to join us next year."*

All the faculties were there to show and demonstrate what they are doing in their fields. *"I wish you good luck to go and do well in your exam, so that next year you would become a student for the University of Limpopo. Our doors are always open for everyone who double their efforts and did well in their exam. You are welcome"*. Professor Mokgalong added.

LPT officials distributed and showcased informational materials from the department, and also talked to the learners, teaching them about the roles and responsibilities of the department in the community.

Again, the exhibitors highlighted to the learners the processes and procedures that they need follow if they wanted to obtain the bursaries from the Limpopo Provincial Treasury.

Other institutions and/or departments that availed themselves were; the national department of Rural Development and Land Reforms, South African Police Service (SAPS), Capricorn FM, the National Student Financial aid Scheme (NSFAS), Eduloan, and others. The Z.C.C structure from the university was there to entertain the crowd.

## MEC Meeting the Provincial Auditor-General

MEC for Provincial Treasury, Sa'ad Cachalia, meets with the Limpopo Provincial Office of the Auditor-General Mr Dirk Strydom.

This a regular meeting where the two offices discuss matters related to audit across the Limpopo Provincial Government. This assists in making the provincial government machinery a cost effective and accountable body.



**Mr Dirk Strydom and team with MEC Sa'ad Cachalia (extreme right)**

## NATIONAL

# Reduce banking fees – Gordhan

**P**retoria - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan agrees that there is a need for the reduction of some banking fees. "What we are saying is that fees charged for debit orders must be lower than what they are for all

Commission.

The commission launched an enquiry into the retail banking and national payment system in the country in 2006. This led to a total of 28 recommen-

fees) quite significantly for their low income accounts. Some still have what they consider high income accounts but it is clear that we feel that across all categories the fees need to come down," said Ismail Momoniat, deputy director general for tax and financial sector policy.

Treasury said the recommendations were aimed at improving the quality of banking services to customers as well as improving the retail banking environment as well as transparency.

The minister described the talks between the banking sectors as "an important milestone".

"The theme running through all of these recommendations is transparency. There must be transparency of all of the charges, they must be written in an understandable language and communicated in way that people can compare A, B and C and then linked with this is the ability by consumers to make choices," explained Gordhan.

Regarding other outstanding recommendations, Treasury said discussions were to continue.

The minister also added that there was a need for more active consumer groups who would put pressure on banks to lower their fees. – *BuaNews*



customers, whether they're high income earners or low income earners," Gordhan told media on Tuesday.

The minister's comments follow a meeting between the ministry and the banking sector chief executive officers held to discuss the responses of the retail banks to recommendations made by the Banking Enquiry Panel that was appointed by the Competition

dations being made. On Tuesday, Treasury said that 19 of the recommendations had been agreed to. The lowering of penalty fees on dishonoured debit orders, greater transparency of ATM fees and charges as well as improved customer education were among some of the recommendations agreed to. "Many of them had noted they had been charging relatively high fees. Most had indicated that they had lowered (the

## *Facts about the budget*

Budgeting is a process by which individual activities are linked together in an orderly way to produce a financial plan.

A process charting is in place to identify, define and link all the activities so that

the public understand the process and the responsibilities of the Provincial Government. During the budget process the Provincial Government plans for the future revenue, expenditure, borrowing and other financial matters.



# Business Confidence improves from recession

Pretoria - South Africa's Business Confidence Index (BCI) in July recorded the second highest reading this year at 84.3 points, the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI) said.

The July figure of 84.3 points is 1.1 point above the July 2009 level following on June 2010's 84.8 points.

"The figure has improved from the recession but it is still not good enough at the moment," said SACCI economist Richard Downing of the BCI's composite weighted index of 13 sub-indices that include new vehicle sales and merchandise import and export volumes.

According to the chamber, the month of July 2010 renewed focus away from the sentiment of the World Cup and returned it to the economic reality of a domestic economy struggling to gain momentum.

The global economy also reflected tensions as the pace of positive financial market developments outpaced a lagging real economy, SACCI said, adding that business confidence has yet to perceive strong and real economic prospects.

"If July 2010 is compared to June 2010 (month on month) five sub indices of the BCI were positive, four were negative and four remained neutral," said the chamber. Sub-indices of the volumes of merchandise exports as well as imports recorded a relative strong performance compared to previous months.



*"A special effort is required to sustain and enhance the positive business outlook"*

"The Soccer World Cup 2010 was an exceptional success and although it raised expectations during June 2010, a special effort is required to sustain the positive momentum and enhance the business outlook. Stronger domestic demand and stronger posturing in the international trade environment are necessary to promote sustained improvements in business confidence."

SACCI said that relative to July 2009, eight of the BCI sub-indices improved with real retail sales and building construction still lagging recent economic improvements. It said that increase in liquidations is a legacy of the recession and the period of exuberance before the recession.

"Higher real financing cost came about by default as inflation trended lower and nominal interest rates remained unchanged," said SACCI.

The volatility of the exchange rate at present it said is primarily a function of the global financial flow of funds rather than a current account phenomenon.

"South Africa's highly developed financial markets provide a comfortable platform for these flows to take place over the short term providing the potential for substantial returns. Leads and lags on proceeds or payments of global trade transactions also exaggerate the volatility of the rand exchange rate," explained SACCI.

It said though the present rand strength was causing some discomfort, the reasons for the strength should be looked at before ill-conceived policy on intervention is implemented thereby contributing to economic distortions with potential unintended consequences for the economy. - *BuaNews*



# MEC Cachalia meets the people of Rebone





# *Provincial Treasury officials celebrating Casual day*



## Collective Wisdom for Provincial Treasury SMS



# Disability Management in the workplace

by Masingita Shipalana

Provincial Treasury launched the Disability Forum on the 25 March 2009 at Golden Pillow. The purpose of the launch of the Disability Forum was to address issues that concerns affirmative action measures and disability management in the workplace.

These include issues such as training and development, provision of reasonable accommodation and promotion of persons with disability etc.

Transformation Services Directorate organised the first consultation process with the Disability Forum members at Vhembe SCM advice centres on the 27 May 2010 to discuss a first Draft Disability Policy for addressing the gaps that we have in the Department as the slogans says **'NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US'**.

Human Resource Development Directorate was involved in the process as part of addressing the skills gaps, Occupational Health and Safety Co-ordinator.

They also presented on issues of ergonomics, COIDA and emergency preparedness as part of wellness management, and awareness conducted on development of the Employment Equity plans and programmes linked to disability.

Various issues were discussed during the session.

It was agreed that structured training and development programme such as learnership and internship, workplace mentoring and coaching should be



*"Nothing about us without us"*

provided. LPT will also provide modification or adjustment to a job e.g. job description, time-off for consultation and medical treatment), or the work environment.

The session also acknowledged that, generally, people with disabilities occupy the most junior levels within departments with more than 50% employed between level 1 – 5 and 40% employed between levels 6 – 9.

From the management level the representation drops sharply with 5.9% at levels 10 -12, 1.3% at levels 13 – 14 and 0.08% for Senior Management levels 15 – 16.

There should be a structured succession planning, including accelerated training programmes, retention strategies and others.

The employment of people with disabilities must not be confined to low

levels that involve very little decision making and authority.

Males with disabilities were more represented than their female counterparts at higher levels, with African women with disabilities being at the lowest ranks. This needs to be corrected in order to eliminate discrimination that has a double impact.

Further benchmarking with other institutions will be done

The challenges that people with disabilities encounter in the working environment were exposed:

- Assistive devices such as hand controlled vehicles for officials duties, voice activated software's and speaking lifts.
- Braille machines to produce Braille documentation.
- Access to ramps, gates, doors to turnstiles and automatic doors
- Evacuation procedures which take special needs into account.

The LPT Committee is made up of the following people:

**Chairperson:** Ms TM Shipalana  
**Vide- Chairperson:** Mr K Tshikovhi  
**Secretary:** Ms T Serite  
**Deputy Secretary:** Ms V Matsi  
**Treasurer:** Ms G Madzivhani

Ms NS Netshisaulo is an additional member.



## Advice corner

# Tender Advice Centres

**A**tender Advice Center (TAC) is a government initiative that provides non-financial business support to small businesses such as assisting with the access of tender opportunities and completing tender documents. This is all areas including catering, stationary, furniture and construction organizations.



**Senior Manager for Supply Chain Management: TAC, Ms Betty Malope**

Contracts are normally awarded to suppliers who offer the best value for money, with regard to price, quality and other criteria applicable to individual contracts. Therefore, a TAC assists in providing guidance and explanations in respect of invitations to tender, assist in completing tender, documents, provide information on procurement and tendering policies as well as engage in awareness programmes. Primary during these sessions is the provision of a thorough and understandable meaning to tendering and what government expects from bidders.

These awareness initiatives are done in the form of workshops, seminars and forums.

Tender Advice Centres, further, educate suppliers in order to address the following issues.

- ✎ Provision of referrals and linkages of suppliers with relevant structures.
- ✎ Conduction and co-ordination of site, process and production line inspection.

When you want to complete a tender document you visit your nearest tender advice centre as they will help you get hold of and complete the tender document and/or check their monthly programme of workshops in your districts.

Through the TACs, Provincial Treasury is responsible for government tenders and the distribution of Tender Bulletins once the need has been identified. These bulletins are also available on the Provincial Treasury website ([www.limtreasury.gov.za](http://www.limtreasury.gov.za))

Tenderers are advised to visit their nearest Tender Advice Centre for completion of tender documents.

For more information kindly contact Limpopo Provincial Treasury (TAC Directorate) at the following contact numbers:

### Capricorn district:

Limpopo Provincial Treasury (LPT)  
Head Office:

Tel: (015) 291-8715

56-58 Paul Kruger Street, Polokwane



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40 Hans van Rensburg Street,  
Polokwane

### Health and Social Development

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18 College Street,  
Polokwane

### Public Works

Tel: (015) 293 9000  
Works Towers Building,  
43 Church Street,  
Polokwane

### Agriculture

Tel: (015) 295 7090  
Temo Towers,  
69 Biccard Street,  
Polokwane

### Local Government and Housing

Tel: 295 6851  
28 Market Street,  
Polokwane

### Safety, Security and Liaison

Tel: (015) 295 8977  
32 Schoeman Street,  
Polokwane

### Roads & Transport

Tel: (015) 295 1000  
40 President Kruger Street,  
Polokwane

### Economic Development, Environment & Tourism (LEDET)

Tel: (015) 293 8445  
Evridiki Towers,  
20 Hans van Rensburg Street,  
Polokwane

### Education

Tel: (015) 290 7600/7750

## Tender Advice Centres

### Sekhukhune District

Tel: (013) 265-1344  
Lefa Center,  
Schoonoord Road



### Mopani District

Tel: (015) 812-0149  
Mopani Government Complex  
Giyani



### Waterberg District

Tel: (014) 717-5837  
100 Nelson Mandela Street  
Impala Building,  
Modimolle



# Tender Advice Workshop

**M**osesetjane - Limpopo Provincial Treasury (LPT) together with Waterberg Tender Advice Centre branch (TAC) held a workshop for tender advice at Mosesetjane village in Waterberg District, on the 26th day of May 2010. The workshop started at 10h00 am at the Headmen's kraal.

The purpose of this workshop was to provide information to the community about tenders, also teaching and briefing those who desperately want to initiate and register their own

companies on how to tender.

Mr. Eddie Radzwiedane from Waterberg TAC was guiding them about; what a tender is? How to complete a tender bulletin or bid document and also provided some reasons and explanation about why most tenders are unsuccessful. He highlighted that many people might complain about their tenders being disqualified, which this is caused by common errors made like:

- Late submission of bid documents.
- Incomplete submission or unsigned bid.
- Non-compliance with special conditions.

"This is the key for a tender to be declared successful" he said. Members of the public were also given a chance to ask questions in order for them to get more clarity about tendering.

Everyone received a bulletin form and Mr. Radzwiedane teaches them how to fill that tender bulletin form.

Senior Manager for Tender Advice from head office, Ms Betty Malope was also part of the workshop. Officials from Communication Service unit also exhibited and distributed the departmental informational materials to

all people who attended the workshop and community of Mosesetjane as well.

The provision of these materials was meant to broaden and equip the people with information regarding what treasury is doing and its support for the publics.

It also helped to provide them with a direct contact or access to the department whenever they need to communicate or enquire about any other information concerning the department.

It was really an exciting moment for the community of Mosesetjane to meet government officials and make useful enquiries on services that government provides.

### Vhembe District

Tel: (015) 962-1752  
Vhembe Government Complex  
No: E006,  
Thohoyandou





# Tips for preparing a Tender

- 1. Identify a public sector market:** you must know the core business. Submit your bid documents on time. The bid must be signed and completed information. develop a well designed tender and will also help you find new tenders.
- 2. Plan carefully:** you need to select your tender carefully, develop a plan on how you will win and dedicate resources to winning.
- 3. Analyse requirements of the bid:** Create a schedule of requirements: draw a check-list of all the requirements, always go through the documentation in detail and prepare a list of everything you must return for each section. Comply with special conditions (if reflected).
- 4. Price to win:** review your pricing and have a clear plan to deliver value from this pricing.
- 5. Make sure that you answer the questions honestly:** make sure you are being realistic as you must be able to deliver.
- 6. Talk to the experts:** try to speak to a tender writer since they are able to
- 7. Remember first impression count:** your tender should look professional and invest in making it look good.
- 8. Closing date and time:** make sure that you submit your bid before the official closing date.
- 9. Always be updated:** check the tender bulletins regularly on both local and regional newspapers.

## *No one has a right to be corrupt*

They say, "money makes the world go round." Spend a few minutes of your time to analyse the impact of one of the greatest thieves against humanity. Ever thought about what it does to the plight of the poor across the world.

Corruption affects national development.

It has a direct and indirect impact in dictating the conditions for the poor and

exacerbates inequality and poverty. Corruption is an enemy to honest progress in the running of the economy, is a grave and heartless abuse by the corruptors and the corrupted that compromises ubuntu and the social fabric of communities, threatens democracy and citizens' health and welfare. impedes development, endangers human rights, undermines good corporate governance. The corruptors and the corrupted are an



Presidential Hotline to report any suspected acts of corruption

embarrassment to any nation. They keep fighting against government's ability to meet the commitments made to citizens. Above all, they destroy the mantra that should be a central driver to citizens' values.

## BIDDING PROCESS FLOW

- Identification of a need by the department. Determination of the scope and output.
- Preparation of a bid (Compilation of specification/ determination of evaluation criteria).
- Approval of an intention to invite a bid by the Accounting Officer.
- Generation of bid documents
- Advertisement of a bid in the provincial tender bulletin and /or any commonly used local/national newspapers.
- Closure of a bid.
- Bid Evaluation : Evaluation of price and specific goals and or functionality)
  - 1st phase of evaluation : Administrative compliance
  - Second phase of evaluation: Calculation of price and preference points.
  - Calculation of preferential/ specific RDP goals
- Inspections to confirm existence and capacity of the bidder to execute the contract (if necessary).
- Recommendations and evaluation report submitted to the Departmental bid committee for adjudication.
- Award endorsed by the Accounting Officer.
- Issuing of Acceptance letters/ signing of contract/Service level agreement

# AUDIT REPORTS



*Auditor-General Nombembe with MEC Sa'ad Cachalia*

**Y**ou always hear people talking about how well a department that has an unqualified report has performed with no qualification. Confused? These are the explanations to the Audit Report terminology:

**Unqualified report** – this is seen as a good opinion where the financial statements may be regarded as fairly reflecting the financial status of the department or entity.

**Unqualified audit opinion with emphasis of matter** is the least severe opinion. The financial statements may be regarded as fairly representing the financial status of the department or entity, but there are a number of issues that are cause for concern which are raised in the emphasis of matter.

**Qualified report** is a severe opinion where the auditor concludes that an unqualified opinion cannot be expressed. Further, the auditors express that the effect of any

disagreement with management, or limitation on the scope of the audit is not so material or fundamental as to require an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion.

**Adverse report** is the most severe opinion which is expressed when the effect of a disagreement is material and fundamental to the financial statements. This is to a point where the auditor concludes that a qualification of the report is not adequate to disclose the misleading or incomplete nature of the financial statements.

**Disclaimer** is where the auditor does not express an opinion. It can be classified as a severe opinion where the auditor concludes that the possible effect of a limitation on the scope of the audit is so fundamental that the auditor is not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to express an opinion on the financial statements.

## *Not just another woman*

*A poem by Portia Mahange*

I AM mother and father to some  
A lover and a provider most of all  
A sister and friend to my brother  
A teacher and healer of all Ages  
A comforter and counsellor in trying times

Not just a womb  
walking the earth  
But a creator of the humankind  
Mused by the state Being  
A nurturer of the human mind  
Spiritual by nature and stature  
A master piece centred in the Universe

Not just feminine and filigree  
But lady-like  
yet passionate about humanity  
An advocate of theocracy  
Ambassador in Thy kingdom  
An expression of power  
from the heavens abound  
Not just a token of your affection  
But sensual and pleasurable  
with or without

Bountiful and beautiful in and out  
Loveable and like-able inside out  
A life that walked in sunshine  
Not just a tomb  
of knowledge

But a historian of  
human evolution  
A storekeeper to  
the mysterious of life

A messenger from ancient times  
A story that lived the cycles of life  
Not just another woman  
But Spirit man

God's image  
Divine I AM



# Our Website

[www.limpopo.treasury.gov.za](http://www.limpopo.treasury.gov.za) –  
Information access to Provincial  
Treasury

## How to use it?

The Limpopo Provincial Treasury has developed a new website. To put any information on the website, consult Ms Tukisho Serite at (015) 298 7186/8. The aim of the website is to make sure that the external stakeholders' have a clear understanding on what the department is about. To access the website, Please type

<http://www.limtreasury.gov.za/>

## Home

Under home page, you get

- the welcome note,
- the vision and mission,
- the news about this department,
- webmail for all the treasury employees who are on the move and the contact numbers.

## About us

Under about us you get

- the introduction which is the brief history on the department,
- the department's service standards, and
- the MEC's profile.
- the organisational structure and the A-Z of the department.

## Budget

This is where you get

- the budget guide and
- the budget statements.

## Programmes

This is where you get

- all the programmes that are determining the role of this department



- the first one is about the administration,
- the second is about the sustainable resource management,
- the third one is the discusses assets liabilities & supply chain management and the last programme is about financial governance.

## Documents

This is where one can get

- All the documentation that is related to treasury like the annual reports,
- Municipal finance,
- The speeches,
- Supply chain management policies,
- The legislation and
- The supply chain management practice notes.

## Tenders

All information related to

- The bulletins and

- Procurement process can be accessed

## Communication services

Under communication services,

- Events calendar,
- Media releases,
- Media invites,
- Media statements.
- Our internal and external newsletters,
- Our departmental pictures and
- All the presentations from different directorates.
- If there any vacancies, internships and bursaries available they can be accessed on the website.

## Links

This is where national treasury, south african government online, statistics sa, south african reserve bank, limpopo provincial government can be accessed easily.

# Exhibition at Musina



*Business unusual: Mokgadi Mothiba and Tebello Kgashane spreading the gospel of Treasury*



*"Eish! We've been working hard today."*

# Exhibition at Letaba



*An African man quenching their thirst*



*"This is how government manages your budget."*

**Did you know?**  
**Interest Rates**

I'm sure you always wonder what they mean when they talk about an increase or decrease in interest rates.

Interest rates are prices for loanable funds. These are prices of funds invested, lent out or borrowed for various periods of time.

The supplier or lender of funds normally wants to earn an income and

the user or borrower will generally be prepared to pay these in order to access the money.

Some of the better known interest rates are those for home mortgages, instalment sale financing, overdraft borrowing, deposits and government bonds.



# Influential Career Women

## Proudly from Limpopo



*Fanisa Lamola speaking to listeners on the radio*

Fanisa Lamola CA(SA) is a qualified Chartered Accountant currently working as a Senior General Manager:



*Thabang Redman*

Financial Governance at the Limpopo Provincial Treasury.

Thabang Redman is a qualified Chartered Accountant currently working as a project accountant at ABI, the Softdrink division of South African Breweries (SAB) Limited in the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Province.

She matriculated at the Lebowakgomo

Commercial College in Limpopo. She went on to study BComm Accounting at UKZN. She, further, completed a BComm (Honours) degree from the same institution.

Chartered accountants analyse and evaluate financial information, make decisions based on this information and plan the implementation of these decisions.

They manage the financial affairs of businesses and help to safeguard the investments of individuals as well as those of institutions.

They act as consultants on financial matters, taxation, accounting and computer systems, estate planning and management reporting and procedures.

This career requires good communication skills, an interest in and aptitude for figures, and an analytical mind.

Chartered Accountants are also

# CORPORATE

# CALENDAR

## Central Procurement meeting

Limpopo Provincial Treasury  
HoD's Office (015) 298 7000  
10 September 2010

## MEC for Provincial Treasury interacting with small business and members of the public.

Date: 15 September 2010  
Venue: Masisi Location,  
Thohoyandou

Date: 21 October 2010  
Modjadji Tribal Authority  
, Modjadjikloof

responsible for preparing and reporting on financial statements for presentation to shareholders and the public as required by legislation.

Areas of specialisation include analysing and evaluating financial information, provide advice in planning and arranging finances, the financial reports, the planning of financial models and give advice on the determining as well as saving on tax.

The demand for Chartered Accountants' skills exceeds the availability of qualified people. The financial rewards are more attractive than in most other careers.

**Source: South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)**

## STRETCH YOUR LIPS



**QUESTION:** How do you successfully freeze your financial assets?

**ANSWER:** Invest in a bank in Iceland

## Thee!etsha

*"Patience is like building up a muscle. Everyday, you need to work on it."* **Unknown**

*"We were a revolutionary family. Oliver would say at prayer time 'put a chair for Uncle Nelson and all other fighters that are on Robben Island and other South African prisons.'" Adelaide Thambo*



# Limpopo Provincial Treasury (LPT) hosts the small businesses Imbizo

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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 (NHBC), and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).



*People raising questions during the Imbizo*

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