

# MA YORS OF MPUMALANGA MUNICIPALITIES



## MESSAGE BY MEC FOR CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS HON. MB MASUKU (MPL)

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) has held a successful inaugural Local Government Indaba to set a common agenda and priorities amongst the three spheres of government, as we begin the current term of councilors.

### HON. MEC. MB MASUKU

The indaba was held on the backdrop of the huge gains that have been made in the past and also mindful of the challenges that still lie ahead.

The recent local government elections have been very critical in helping us decide on the current local government programme. In our visit to the various communities, the harsh realities that our communities face have been brought to our attention. In all the areas that we have visited the people have said to us, we appreciate what you have done but more can still be done. By unanimously voting the African National Congress back into power in all our municipalities the people have said they believe in its manifesto and that together we can build better communities. We dare not fail in the mandate given to us by the electorate.

The indaba was able to achieve the following:

- To give a shared understanding of local government challenges and achievements
- To understand the key priorities for the next term of local government in terms of the national outcomes
- To create alignment between challenges and national priorities with the current municipal IDP's and Budgets
- To establish a broad common vision for local government within the context of a differentiated approach to municipalities
- To strengthen councils functionality

Since the advent of the current democratic local government significant progress has been made in delivering basic services to our communities. Today, 91.8% of the households in the province have access to basic water supply, 82,3% of households have access to electricity, 54.2 % of households in the province have access to decent sanitation and 45.9% of the households have access to refuse removal. We remain committed to working with all stakeholders to make sure that local government works because "Local Government is everybody's business".

As councilors begin this term in office, we believe they will be guided by the desires and aspirations of the electorate. Let us all strive to bring a better life to all our communities .

Together we can build better communities.



**Cllr. Mishack Nhlabathi**  
Mayor: Gert Sibande  
District Municipality



**Cllr. Busisiwe Shiba**  
Mayor: Chief Albert  
Luthuli Local Municipality



**Cllr. Speedy Mashilo**  
Mayor: Nkangala  
District Municipality



**Cllr. Bhekabani Mtshali**  
Mayor: Mkhondo  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Noliqwa Nhlapho**  
Mayor: Dipaleseng  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Ntombizodwa Makhabane**  
Mayor: Victor Khanye  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Hamza Ngwenya**  
Mayor: Emakhazeni  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Matsidiso Marajana**  
Mayor: Lekwa  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Phalaborwa Malatsi**  
Mayor: Pixley Ka Isaka  
Seme Local Municipality



**Cllr. Michael Masina**  
Mayor: Steve Tshwete  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Salome Sithole**  
Mayor: Emalahleni  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Sipho Bongwe**  
Mayor: Msukaligwa  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Lettie Masina**  
Mayor: Govan Mbeki  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Tiny Mthimunya**  
Mayor: Dr JS Moroka  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Ndaweni Mahlangu**  
Mayor: Thembisile Hani  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Lettah Shongwe**  
Mayor: Ehlanzeni  
District Municipality



**Cllr. Cathrine Dlamini**  
Mayor: Mbombela  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Michael Ncongwane**  
Mayor: Thaba Chweu  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Lazaros Mashaba**  
Mayor: Umjindi  
Local Municipality



**Cllr. Thulisile Khoza**  
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Government everybody’s business”.*

