

DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
FORUM MEETING

18 AUGUST 2022

MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

10H00

Mayors present,

The Chairperson of the Local House of Traditional Leaders,

The District Municipal Manager Mr. Raputsoa,

Representatives from the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs,

SALGA Representatives,

Senior Managers from Sector Departments,

Representatives from other sectors of government and the business,

Senior Managers from both the district and local municipalities,

Ladies and gentlemen.

THOBELA !

Honorable Mayors, Section 41 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa prescribes that all spheres of government and all organs of state within each sphere, must co-operate with one another in mutual trust and good faith by:

- ✚ Fostering friendly relations,
- ✚ Assisting and supporting one another,
- ✚ Informing one another of, and consulting one another on matters of common interest.

In fulfillment of the super stated constitutional provisions, the Waterberg District in collaboration with its local municipalities established this kind of a forum, of course guided by the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act 13 of 2005, to engage on various departments and stakeholders on the programme of action to expedite service delivery and unblock challenges within the Waterberg area of jurisdiction.

This significant forum, is the basis by which as elected members and senior government officials, complement each other with cooperation to assure legislative compliance, policy implementation and service delivery.

Colleagues, IGR is really about improving the delivery of outcomes through effective systems, processes and procedures that ensure cooperation of different stakeholders around policy formulation, planning, monitoring, support and delivery.

It is against this background that IGR need to be taken very seriously to avoid fragmented approach to service delivery.

In strengthening our IGR and complying with the existing legislation, the following programmes need to be seriously considered:

1. Integrated Development Programme (IDP) and the
2. District Development Model

These two concepts should form the basis of all our meetings of course including other items that are of service delivery in nature that will be from time to time introduced to our meetings.

The important part is to keep our IGR Forums functional at all times and maintain consistency in attending.

Today marks our inaugural meeting after the successful hosting of the launch where all Mayors committed to the course by signing the Code of Conduct.

As and when we process our businesses we should be mindful of the support that we need to provide to other structures within our municipalities as part of the District Development Model.

We need to ensure that those municipalities that are still struggling with their audit outcomes get assisted and or supported through structures of this magnitude.

Not only the district should be seen doing well when its locals are struggling.

We should also appreciate the support and cooperation that we enjoy from the House of Traditional Leaders in the district, of course through the Chairperson, Inkosi Mahlangu. We are so blessed to have progressive leaders of their caliber and request then to keep up the good work.

In conclusion, I want to reiterate that local government remains the custodian of service delivery charged with legislative powers to oversee development within its area of jurisdiction. Let`s work together in fulfilling our constitutional mandate through this forum.

THANK YOU,

Let me then invite you to the agenda of the day.....