

**20 MAY 2022**

**BAKONE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

**11H00**

***Programme Director, Cllr. Molokomme,***

***Magoshi a rena,***

***The Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality Cllr.  
Taueatsoala,***

***Mayors present,***

***Chief Whip of the District Cde. Monare,***

***Members of the Mayoral Committee,***

***Speakers and Chief Whips,***

***Councillors,***

***The District Municipal Manager, Mr. Raputsoa,***

***Representatives of Sector Departments***

***Municipal Managers present,***

***Senior Managers***

***IDP Coordinators,***

***CBO`s***

***NGO`s***

***Ladies and gentlemen.***

## **GOOD MORNING!!**

Programme Director we are indeed privileged to be gathered here today for an important phase of our planning Cycle.

Municipalities in South Africa have to use the “integrated development planning” as a method to plan future developments within their jurisdictional areas. Apartheid planning left us with cities and towns that:

- ✚ Have radically divided business and residential areas,
- ✚ Are badly planned to cater for the poor - with long travelling distances to work and poor access to business and other services,
- ✚ Have great differences in level of service between rich and poor areas,
- ✚ Have sprawling informal settlements and spread out residential areas that make cheap service delivery difficult.

Rural areas were left underdeveloped and largely un-serviced. The new approach to local government then had to be developmental and aimed to overcome the poor planning of the past.

The Integrated Development Plan was then introduced as an approach to municipal planning that involves the entire municipality and its citizens in finding the best solutions to achieve good long-term development. It is then understood as a plan to coordinate the work of local and all spheres of government in a coherent plan to improve the quality of life of our communities.

That is the reason why in engaging the IDP processes, existing conditions and problems and available resources for development are taken into consideration.

Programme Director, it took us almost nine months to reach at the stage where we are today in terms of developing our IDP.

It should also be noted that the IDP has a lifespan of five years linked directly to the term of office for councilors. After every local government elections, the new council has to decide on the future of the IDP. This is an exercise that we are currently engaging in developing a new five year plan that takes into account the existing plans within our area of jurisdiction.

It is very critical to engage this exercise to fulfill:

- ✚ Effective use of scarce resources
- ✚ Speed up service delivery
- ✚ Attract investors
- ✚ Strengthen democracy
- ✚ Overcome the legacy of apartheid
- ✚ Promotes coordination between local, provincial and national spheres of government in line with the District Development Model.

The Integration Phase of the IDP, which is a phase that we are engaging today, reflects all the projects submitted by all sectors which are aligned to our strategies. These projects provide an overall picture of the development plans within the district.

It is also worth mentioning that in going through all these processes there were also challenges experienced and those include:

- ✚ Poor participation by local municipalities during district IDP engagements,
- ✚ Submission of sector plans by departments still a serious challenge – even today others have not yet submitted.

✚ Insufficient resources to accommodate critical priorities

From the District Municipality, few projects are funded in our IDP precisely because of resource limitations, however, that cannot prohibit us from engaging in other plans that are developmental in nature.

We need to package all our plans that are not funded and approach potential investors including Mining Houses within the district to assist where possible.

We need to take advantage of the introduction of the District Development Model and the fact that we are a pilot municipality to soliciting resource from external stakeholders to augment the little in our possession.

This should become our focus area starting from now until we are back on our feet again.

Programme Director, as we advance the final stage of approving our IDP, we also urge all stakeholders that constitute this forum to direct your considerable capabilities and energies to working together in fostering effective intergovernmental relations planning so that capital resources can be used optimally in meeting the aspirations of our people.

Let`s all work together in undertaking the legislative requirements of providing quality services to our electorates.

**I THANK YOU !!!**