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**FROM : ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**TO : EXECUTIVE MAYOR  
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DIRECTOR/MANAGER: COMMUNITY SERVICES; ENVIRONMENTAL  
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**DATE : 7 MARCH 2023**

### INVITATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT INDABA

#### BACKGROUND

Having noted the local government challenges in planning and implementation of environmental programmes, the priorities in the Environmental Sector Plan and its review process, the changes in the Macro-Structure of Government as well as the current environmental priorities, SALGA, DFFE and sector partners resolved to host a Local Government Indaba on Environment which will essentially become a platform for dialogue between Environment Sector, Local Government Sector, role players and stakeholders.

The Indaba will be hosted in collaboration between SALGA and DFFE in close cooperation with sector departments and partners to discuss underlying factors that give rise to the identified challenges and look at the possibility of improving the current local government performance and support mechanisms to advance environmental sustainability in Local Government Sector.

The Indaba will take place over a period of 2 days on the **23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. The theme for the Local government Indaba is **“Working Towards Local Environmental Sustainability”** which is in line with the Local government Support Strategy theme.

#### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Indaba are to create a platform of engagement between the Environmental Sector and Local Government Sector to:

- i. Show case environment sector support into local government;
- ii. Have a dialogue between National, Provincial and Local Government on environmental performance and governance;

- iii. Identify key challenges and gaps that affects municipalities performance with regard to environmental functions (planning and management) and priorities for municipalities in environmental functions;
- iv. Share the best practice experiences on the various environmental sector priorities;
- v. Capacitate municipalities on compliance requirements of existing legislation, policies, strategies, and programs; and
- vi. Gather local government inputs into the support and oversight role of provincial and national government on program implementation.

The Indaba is scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date: 23 – 24 March 2023**

**Venue: TBC, Gauteng**

**Attendance:**

- i. Kindly note that the Indaba can be attended physically and virtually.
- ii. Each municipality is requested to send **3 representatives** comprising of both political and administrative leadership (as per own discretion)
- iii. Municipalities are to bear the cost of travelling and accommodation for their respective representatives.

**RSVP:**

Physical and virtual registration is a requirement for attendance. Kindly RSVP by Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 through the relevant link below:

Physical attendance link

<https://forms.office.com/r/KdVRrfr0Tv>

Virtual attendance link

[https://salga-org-za.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMod-6sqjMiGNeH5adU4ieIAdW0YBNqJnzB](https://salga-org-za.zoom.us/j/91234567890)

Kindly contact Khaya Gumede at [kgumede@salga.org.za](mailto:kgumede@salga.org.za) for registration related enquiries.

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Yours sincerely,



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