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FROM : CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TO : CITY / MUNICIPAL MANAGERS

**C.C. : HEADS OF CORPORATE SERVICES
MUNICIPAL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS**

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4TH NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS FORUM SESSION TO BE HELD ON 14-15 MARCH 2024

The inaugural National Municipal Legal Practitioners Forum (NMLPF) held on the 26-27 October 2022, demonstrated the importance of establishing a strategic national platform for municipal legal practitioners to share knowledge, case law, best practices, and case studies in response to complex legal challenges and ongoing litigations faced by various municipalities and local government sector as a whole.

The express aim of the forum, amongst others, is to provide updates on key emerging legal matters affecting local government, draw on the collective experiences and lessons learned by various municipalities in dealing with intricate legal cases and for municipalities to provide technical input to SALGA's policy positions, advocacy agenda and legal strategy on matters of common interest. To date, three NMLPF meetings have been successfully convened with a wide range of participants from the legal fraternity in government and private sector.

Accordingly, SALGA invites you to the 4th NMLPF session to be held as follows:

Date: 14-15 March 2024

Venue: City of eThekweni (exact venue to be advised)

The upcoming forum will focus on, but not limited to the following critical areas:

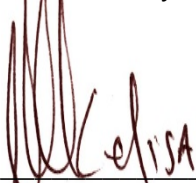
- The impact of coalitions on the local government sector;
- Updates on the current status of local government legal environment and interventions required from Municipal Legal Practitioners;
- Changes to and review of local government legislation;
- Recent court judgements and pending judgements affecting local government;
- Municipal case studies on prevailing legal challenges affecting municipalities;
- Amended State Attorney's Act and its impact on local government litigation management;
- Municipal Legal Practitioners' capacity building and training programme; and
- Legal opinions obtained by SALGA.

The NMLPF is an effective platform for municipalities to exchange ideas, share best practices, keep abreast of latest developments in the legal environment and influence SALGA's advocacy and lobbying agenda. The forum should be attended by Heads of Municipal Legal Units and Municipal Managers (optional). Municipal representatives are requested to register through the online registration link provided below and should be submitted before close of business on **29 February 2024**:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6t3fr5y8ve>

For any enquiries, please contact Mr. George Thomas (Senior Manager: External Legal Advisory Services) on GThomas@salga.org.za or 071 792 9637. We look forward to hosting you at the event.

Yours sincerely,



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