

Media Advisory

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SALGA marks 20-year journey of local government transformation and convenes National Members Assembly (NMA)

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) will on 3 – 4 December 2020 convene the SALGA National Members Assembly (NMA) to mark the 20-year journey of local government transformation.

Convened under the umbrella theme, “Celebrating and Reflecting on the 20 Year Journey of Local Government transformation”, President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency, Cyril Ramaphosa, will deliver a keynote address at the official opening ceremony of the NMA.

The SALGA’s two-day virtual assembly takes place at the backdrop of Local Government celebrating 20 years since South Africa's first fully democratic municipal elections which were held on 5 December 2000.

The purpose and objectives of the NMA, among others, is to reflect on the 20-year journey of local government transformation since the first democratic local government elections, reflect on local government developments since the last NMA of December 2018, reflect on the foundation principles of local government, different phases and terms since first the elections, and discuss how to influence the Political Party manifestos towards 2021 Local Government Elections.

Among the dignitaries, facilitators and participants at the assembly session and deliberations, will be leaders of national and provincial governments, Members of Parliament (MPs), Premiers, MEC’s of Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Mayors, Speakers and Councilors State-Owned Enterprise’s (SOEs) Research Institutes, Civil Society and the academia.

Note to Editors: Members of the Media are urged to follow the programme of the NMA, and also take note of the following:

Day 1: Thursday, 3 December 2020

- 11H30 – 13H30 The Grand Political Debate: “The Journey Towards Democratic Local Government: Laying the Foundation”

Members of the Media are advised to register for the National Members Assembly by click on the link:

<https://salga-org-za.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkd-2orTgoHdMn-3BbFuKH8m9NIXcNT2TE>

Follow hashtag: #20YearsOfDemocraticLocalGovernment and look out for more activities planned for the 20 Years of Democratic Local Government on the SALGA website; www.salga.org.za

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