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SALGA North West to hold Provincial Members Assembly to reflect on Municipalities financial and service delivery implications in the era of COVID-19 pandemic & preparedness for future pandemics

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) North West will on 30 November to 01 December 2020 hold a Provincial Members Assembly (PMA) in Rustenburg, North West.

Expected delegates at the assembly include the Premier, Provincial Executive Committee of SALGA, Chairperson House of Traditional Leaders, MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Chairperson of SALGA's Provincial Women's Commission, Independent Electoral Commission, Members of the Provincial Legislature, Executive Mayors, Speakers, Chief Whips, Members of Mayors Committees and Municipal Managers, and CFOs, Municipal Managers, delegates from Provincial Government and key stakeholders in local government.

The SALGA North West PMA will be held under the umbrella theme "Transposing Local Government in the face of Covid-19 and for the strategic and decisive response for other future pandemics: A look at the future and sustainable local government".

The PMA will discuss amongst others the state of finances in municipalities and effects of COVID-19 pandemic to the capacity of municipalities to continue to render uninterrupted services to communities.

SALGA North West Chairperson Fetsang Molosiwa says: “Local Government has not been immune from the economic hardships brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Like many other economic sectors, there has been a direct and indirect implication as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is clear that many citizens who depend on direct services rendered by municipalities are losing their jobs, this has a direct bearing on the capacity of residents to pay for municipal services such as water, electricity, rates & taxes and other charges. As leaders of local government, together with our communities and business, we all have to find innovative solutions to support the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan of the country,” says Molosiwa.

Also on the agenda of the PMA is to assess the readiness of 2021 local government elections and implementation of constitutional judgement on the Electoral Act.

The PMA is a constitutional meeting of all municipalities in the province which is convened in between Provincial Conference as stipulated in the SALGA Constitution. The SALGA Constitution makes provision for the convening of provincial and national members’ assemblies once a year.

Note to Editors / Journalists: A Media Briefing will be held following the officially opening of the SALGA North West Provincial Members Assembly.

The details of the Media Briefing are as follows:

Date: 30 November 2020
Time: 11h15
Venue: Orion Safari Lodge, Rustenburg

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