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SALGA to debate latest municipal audit outcomes at *Business Day* Dialogues on 22 June 2017 – Parktown, Johannesburg

Following the release of the 2016/17 MFMA Municipal Audit Outcomes to be presented by the Auditor General on Wednesday, 21 June 2017, a panel discussion will be hosted through the *Business Day* Dialogues platform between the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and its stakeholders in Parktown, Johannesburg on Thursday, 22 June 2017.

The results from the latest audit sets a baseline against which the current term of Local Government must improve, and the Business Day Dialogues will unpack the results of the latest audit in a discussion titled: *Municipal Audit Outcomes – Inspiring an accountable and responsive term of government*.

Audit Outcomes are a key indicator of the state of local government accountability, financial management and financial health. Even though they are retrospective, they provide a necessary check on the credibility of the reported financial and operational performance via the Annual Report of Municipalities and Municipal Entities.

The panel discussion will be hosted at *The Empire* conference venue at Tiso Blackstar Group's (formerly Times Media) new purpose-built offices in Parktown, Johannesburg.

An address will be made by a representative from the Auditor General and the Executive Mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality who is also the National Chairperson of SALGA's Municipal Working Group, Cllr Mpho Khunou. Panellists will consist of Municipal Managers of Local District Municipalities who will reflect on the journey towards attaining clean audits and sustaining them; Municipal Managers of municipalities which have progressed from qualified to improved audits through the support provided by SALGA's Municipal Audit Support Programme (MASP). The National Treasury and Ernst & Young will provide information on procurement reforms for improved financial management and enhanced service delivery as well as partnering up with SALGA for sustainable and incrementally improving audit outcomes respectively.

Notes to Editor

The Members of the Media are invited as follows:

Event details: 08h30-13h00 at *The Empire* venue at The Hill on Empire Building, 16 Empire Road, Parktown.

Date, Thursday, 22 June 2017

Kindly RSVP to Sivuyile Mbambato - Email: smbambato@salga.org.za

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