

Media Statement

Monday, 11 June 2018

For immediate release

SALGA to convene Municipal Innovative Infrastructure Financing Conference to unlock infrastructural investments for municipalities

Johannesburg: The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) will on 13 -15 June convene the Municipal Innovative Infrastructure Financing Conference (MIIF) to bring together under one roof Cabinet Leaders, Mayors, Councillors, municipal industry experts and key stakeholders in local government infrastructure financing.

The Minister of Finance Honourable Nhlanhla Nene will lay the foundation for the conference; speaking on “the overview of the macroeconomic climate and potential of borrowing in local government”. Ekurhuleni Metro Executive Mayor Cllr Mzwandile Masina is scheduled to deliver an opening address while SALGA President Cllr Parks Tau will speak about the role of municipalities in catalysing the economy through infrastructure investment. Presidential Special Envoy Mr Mcebisi Jonas will share insights about the how municipalities contribute to the macro economy through leveraging capital infrastructure.

The theme of the conference is: ‘Unlocking Infrastructure Financing to Accelerate Service Delivery’. Participants and speakers will include Councillors, Heads of Portfolios, Investors, Business and Academia.

The conference aims to facilitate shared learning between municipalities’ through creating a platform to explore, deliberate and share ideas on innovative infrastructure funding mechanisms for South African municipalities.

The members of the media are invited as follows:

Date & Time: 13 -15 June 2018, 09h00 – 17h30

Venue: Emperors Palace, Johannesburg

A **media briefing** is scheduled for: 13 June 2018, 11h00 at the conference venue.

Members of the media who are going to attend the conference for the purposes of coverage are advised to forward accreditation details to smbambato@salga.org.za

END

For media enquiries; please contact:

Sivuyile Mbambato: Mobile 073 897 8519 Email: smbambato@salga.org.za

Issued by: South African Local Government Association