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Techno driven National Municipal Managers Forum goes to Mpumalanga Province SALGA to host 12th National Municipal Managers Forum, 20 – 21 February 2018

SALGA in conjunction with the City of Mbombela are to co-host a two-day 12th National Municipal Managers Forum from 20 – 21 February 2018 at the Ingwenyama Conference and Sports Resorts, White River, in Mpumalanga.

The Forum brings together, under one roof, Municipal Managers, Heads of Administration, CEOs of public entities and private institutes, National and Provincial Treasuries and Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) to discuss challenges faced by local government, offer practical and administrative solutions, and share best practices in order to improve performance and governance of municipalities.

Among the keynote speakers to grace the occasion is the SALGA CEO Xolile George, the City of Mbombela Mayor Sibusiso Mathonsi, and the Mpumalanga Premier Honourable David Mabuza.

Other speakers include academics specializing in Policy Environment and Ecosystems for Innovation such as Mr Brock Carlton, CEO of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), leaders and experts in Water and Sanitation, as well as Electricity and Energy.

Inspired by the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution which is defined as a technological revolution, the Forum will explore innovations and good practices from South Africa and the world with the aim to improve innovation and take service delivery to a whole new level.

The technological revolution is believed to alter the way we live, work and relate to one another, therefore, the business as usual approach is no longer relevant. New ways of thinking, fresh approaches are needed to solve persistent challenges and new problems faced by municipalities today.

The Forum will include a Municipal Innovation Exhibition to showcase proven innovations and technologies that have potential to improve municipal performance and governance. This inaugural Municipal Innovation Exhibition will focus on the following municipal themes:

- Water and Sanitation
- Electricity and Energy
- Municipal Financial Management and Sustainability
- Municipal ICT and Innovations

To name a few, exhibitors include the Department of Science and Technology, the Council for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR), Comsol, and the South African Energy Development Institute.

Also key in the agenda of the Forum is the Municipal Financial Viability and Sustainability, and update on Local Government Legislation and Policies and update on Local Government Collective Bargaining and Related Matters.

Members of the media who wish to attend the Forum should confirm to smbambato@salga.org.za or make contact to schedule interviews.

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