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ITS ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR NCOP & SALGA ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK PROGRAMME (08 -10 MAY)

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) in partnership with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) is gearing up for one of the most significant and arguably the most important week in the calendar of Local Government, amid the Local Government Week, which starts on Tuesday morning, 08 May 2019 in Parliament, Cape Town.

Aptly themed, "**Land Use: Towards Integrated Spatial Planning**", the Local Government Week takes place at a time when the narrative regarding land, spatial planning and transformation, integrated human settlements has become very much contested and it's important for policy makers to debate and influence the strategic direction in the formulation of public opinion around this matter.

The NCOP's 6th annual Local Government Week programme is aimed at providing an opportunity for national reflection on issues affecting local government and deal with underlying issues that impede the pace of service delivery in order to improve the lives of South Africans through accelerated service delivery.

Amongst others, this year's sessions will include conversations on spatial planning and transformation, integrated human settlements and coherent land use and management, a focus on the long-term financial sustainability of the local government sphere, with particular emphasis on declining revenue bases and economic outlook, to explore revenue enhancement options and interrogating the appropriate balance in the division of revenue between the spheres. Also, a focus discussion on the practical steps and mechanisms to ensure that the recommendations of the 2018 Local Government Week are implemented.

Parliamentarians, senior members of the national and provincial SALGA leadership, the Presidency, Cabinet Ministers and MECs, the Land Bank, Stats SA, Fiscal Finance Commission, independent analysts and the relevant strategic entities have been invited.

The main topics for discussion at the three-day Local Government Week programme to be officially opened by NCOP Chairperson, Ms Thandi Modise, are:

- ✦ **Mainstreaming integrated and sustainable land use**
- ✦ **Municipal infrastructure: Integrated special planning and the provision of services (human settlements, energy, water and sanitation).**
- ✦ **Municipal support and intervention framework.**
- ✦ **Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Review: Fiscal allocation for the developmental local government.**

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Date: Tuesday, 8 May 2018 to Thursday, 10 May 2018

Time: 08:00 to 16:30

Venue: Old Assembly Chamber, Parliament of RSA, Cape Town

Members of the media wishing to attend the sessions should forward their full name, ID or passport number, name of media house, designation (photographer, journalists for example) to Manelisi Ntsodo (mntsodo@parliament.gov.za or 021 403 8494 / 081 716 2021) and Nolizwi Magwagwa (nmagwagwa@parliament.gov.za or 021 403 2465 / 081 716 5824) by Monday, 7 May 2018 at 12 noon.

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