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Media Advisory

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SALGA & ESKOM TO SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AT NEC LEKGOTLA

SALGA's two-day National Executive Committee Lekgotla is taking place on 29 - 30 October 2014 in Kameeldrift East, Pretoria.

Key to the NEC Lekgotla, will be the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SALGA and Eskom. This MoU represents a partnership agreement between the two institutions in relation to electricity reticulation. The MoU aims to enhance a collaborative working relationship between SALGA and Eskom and to deal decisively with operational challenges that impede the provision of electricity services.

The SALGA NEC Lekgotla comes at a crucial time for local government amid stubborn challenges bedeviling the sector. Service delivery failure, as experienced in some municipalities, the scourge of cable theft, billing problems, municipal arrears to Eskom's bulk electricity accounts, and aging municipal infrastructure are critical concerns which require urgent attention.

The aim of the NEC Lekgotla is to consider policy imperatives necessary for Local Government to achieve better development outcomes and improved service delivery in terms of the National Developmental Plan. The Lekgotla will consider the strategic outcomes of the Provincial Members Assemblies (PMAs) recently held across Provinces. The Lekgotla will also reflect on the %Back-to-Basic+ initiative launched by the President of the Republic at the Presidential Local Government Summit held on 18 September 2014. Central to the deliberations shall be the determination of the role of SALGA in delivering the %Back-to-Basics+ programme and factoring it into the organization's strategic agenda.

The members of the media are invited to attend the signing ceremony which will be followed by a media briefing on the MoU and the Outcomes on the NEC Lekgotla.

The details of the media event are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 30 October 2014
Time: 12h30
Venue: Kievits Kroon Country Estate, Kameeldrift East, Pretoria, Gauteng

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