

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT MOURNS THE TRAGIC LOSS OF DEDICATED COUNCILLORS**

It is with great shock and deep sadness that we learnt of the death of three Councillors from Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (Eastern Cape) over the past weekend. The Councillors met their untimely death returning from attending a course on Local Government Law and Administration; one of the capacity building programmes organised by SALGA, in partnership with University of Fort Hare. Eleven other Councillors were injured in this accident and were admitted to hospital; others have been discharged and are recuperating from home whilst some Councillors are still in hospital. The accident reportedly took place 80km from Port Elizabeth on Sunday. [Read more .....](#)

The names of the late Councillors are Cllr Mxolisi Gumenge, Cllr Phumeza Lose, and Cllr Noncedo Nggondi.

It is a massive loss for the communities they served, the municipality and the Sector as these were Councillors who had devoted their lives to serving their communities selflessly. These are men and women who remained steadfast in their commitment. As SALGA we have suffered a loss that cannot be expressed in words. We have lost giants of service delivery, but perhaps the greatest loss is to South Africa as a whole.

SALGA extends its deepest condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the fallen comrades. May they find peace and be comforted by the legacy of dedicated service they have left behind.

We would also like to wish a speedy recovery to those that were injured in the accident.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace