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**TO : THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
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HEADS OF PORTFOLIO / MAYORAL COMMITTEES
THE CITY / MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

DATE : 26 JUNE 2018

INVITATION TO THE INAUGURAL SALGA LOCAL LINKS LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS SEMINAR

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to cordially invite the political and administrative leadership in municipalities to attend the inaugural Local Links Leadership Conversations Lecture Series Seminar to be held on the 12 July 2018 at the University of Witwatersrand's School of Governance (WSG), Donald Gordon Building Auditorium, under the theme; ***"Honouring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela Through Inspiring Thought Leadership in Local Government Sphere"***. The lecture series will precede the graduation ceremony of approximately 101 certified learners who enrolled into the Leadership in Municipal Governance Programme offered by SALGA through the Wits University School of Governance.

2. BACKGROUND

As part of its strategic agenda, SALGA continuously formulates and implements a range of municipal leadership focused interventions aimed at enhancing the capacity of municipalities to adequately respond to the challenges they face in local government. These interventions take various forms, from facilitated leadership conversations, executive coaching, training sessions, through to blended learning programmes. All these interventions are implemented under the auspices of the SALGA Centre for Leadership and Governance.

The Local Links Leadership Conversations is one of such programmes. As a Continuous Development Programme it is anchored on an approach of delivering seminar styled/lecture series driven leadership

conversations, based on specific leadership conversations themes which reflect the everyday complexities faced by local leaders in the local governance sphere. These have been identified as follows:

- a) *Leadership in the context of change, vision/strategy and governance*
- b) *Governance*
- c) *Innovation*
- d) *Fore sighting/Scenario Planning*
- e) *Leadership in the context of ethics, values, integrity and self-mastery*
- f) *Sustainable Cities*
- g) *Inclusive Service Delivery*
- h) *Safe and Resilient Cities*
- i) *Local Government Policy*
- j) *Project Management*
- k) *Public Sector Communication*
- l) *People Management*

The format of the Local Links Leadership Conversations intervention is underpinned by the world café methodology. **The launch version of this programme will be delivered as a seminar styled lecture series based on the theme of affirming the leadership legacy of Nelson Mandela and the values associated with this icon and how that legacy can be reinforced and sustained for the benefit of the Local Government sector, in an important year for South Africa – the centenary of the late former President Nelson Mandela.**

3. LEADERSHIP IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE – GRADUATION CEREMONY

In 2017, SALGA in partnership with WSG commenced with the implementation of the Leadership in Municipal Governance Programme (LMG), targeting the Municipal Leadership echelon. The LMG is a unique professional training and development programme for municipal leaders structured as a formalised certificated programme and created in response to the articulated and inherent needs of the local government political and administrative leader with executive and oversight responsibilities in the development of their localities. It is with excitement and sheer pleasure in congratulating the first group of 101 municipal leaders who will be certificated in the graduation ceremony scheduled for the 12th July 2018, post the SALGA Local Links Leadership Conversations Lecture Seminar Series. Below is the provincial breakdown of graduants to be capped on the day:

PROVINCE	NUMBER OF GRADUATES
EASTERN CAPE	9
KWA-ZULU NATAL	18
LIMPOPO	7
MPUMALANGA	23
GAUTENG	39
NORTH WEST	1
NORTHERN CAPE	4
TOTAL	101

4. DATE AND DURATION

Date : 12 July 2018

Venue: Wits School of Governance Donald Gordon Building-Auditorium

Time : 08:00-16:00

(Local Links Leadership Conversations - 08:00-13:00 and LMG Graduation Ceremony - 14:00-16:00)

5. COST

No fee is charged for participation in the Local Links Leadership Conversations Programme, as SALGA offers this as a value add to its members. Delegates are, however, liable for the cost of their travel and accommodation where applicable, as well as other incidental costs.

6. CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Due to the limited capacity of the WSG – Auditorium, confirmations will be on a first come basis for the inaugural SALGA Local Links Leadership Conversations. General enquiries on the programme and panellists can be accessed through the SALGA website: www.salga.org.za and confirmations can be sent to the following email address: leadershipconversations@salga.org.za. An electronic interactive registration system will be set up to process the accreditation of delegates to this event. For further assistance and clarity, please contact Ms Tebogo Ngwezi or Mr Wandile Shezi telephonically on (012) 369 – 8000.

Yours sincerely,


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