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SALGA to host 5th annual Local Government Governance & Performance Management Seminar

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) is hosting the 5th Annual Local Government Governance and Performance Management Seminar on 16 and 17 February 2023 at Emperors Palace, Gauteng.

The two-day hybrid format seminar is themed “**Anchoring the Professionalisation of Local Government on Effective Governance and Performance Management Systems**” and takes place at an opportune time when municipalities are required to respond in an adequate manner to the prevailing challenges facing the municipal sector.

Mr Joel Netshitenzhe, a foremost thought leader and strategist from the Mapungubwe Institute is expected to deliver a keynote address on “**Effective Governance and Performance Accountability as Levers for Professionalisation**”. This input could not have been more timely as the local government sector is grappling with the idea of professionalisation with a view to improve service delivery, governance and the operational performance of municipalities.

Local government has evolved since the first seminar in 2018, and now in its fifth year, the Local Government Governance & Performance Management Seminar is tailored to keep the municipal political leadership, senior management and local government practitioners abreast of important developments in the arena of governance and performance and most importantly, creates a network to share best practices, and be a viable platform for thought leadership and engagement to assess the capacity development needs of the sector in the arena of performance management systems.

On Day 1 of the Seminar, Mr Rio Nolutshungu, the Acting Chief Executive Officer of SALGA will set the scene to kickstart the 5th Annual Local Government Governance and Performance Management Seminar. Prof Thuli Madonsela, Professor of Law at the University of Stellenbosch will deliver an anchor presentation on “**The Role of Leadership in Driving Governance and Performance Management**”.

There will also be a series of panel discussions covering a broad range of topics that are pertinent to governance and professionalisation and offering key lessons for improvement by the sector.

As part of the strategic agenda, SALGA formulates and implements a range of leadership-focused interventions aimed at enhancing the capacity of municipalities. These interventions take various forms, from facilitated leadership conversations, executive coaching, training sessions through to blended learning programmes. These types of interventions are implemented through the SALGA Centre for Leadership and Governance (SCLG), and the Annual Local Government Governance & Performance Seminar is part of a bouquet of skills and continuous professional development products and services implemented under its auspices.

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