

Media Statement

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SALGA saddened by the passing on of Alderman Sizwe Ramaremela

On behalf of the local government fraternity, SALGA expresses its heartfelt condolences on the passing on of former SALGA PEC Member, Alderman Sizwe Ramaremela.

His cheerful personality and leadership qualities will be sorely missed, by all, in local government and beyond. Alderman Ramaremela was energetic and worked like a man possessed with an extraordinary vision. He had exceptional courage, he was trusted by those he represented, and he had unmatched passion for and a commitment to good governance and development. In the 20 years that he dutifully served in the SALGA Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), Alderman Ramaremela hardly missed a meeting. In all the thousand instances he represented local government at all platforms, he never left his heart behind. He was a walking library of local government, and because of his knowledge power, he, naturally, was a capacity builder of note and this was a part of his work he loved the most. There is no municipality he has never visited, and there is no councillor whose life he has never impacted on positively. He was truly a soldier for development and an exemplary councillor. His name will forever live on and SALGA is proud to be associated with this giant.

Inspired by his life of service to his country and the guidance that his living spirit would provide, SALGA feels more resolute now than ever before to fulfil the vision for which Alderman Ramaremela committed all his adult life to realise.

Alderman Ramaremela played a significant role in the establishment of local government sector having formed part of negotiations forum where he served the structure until 1995. When Moeketsi Sekgosese TLC was amalgamated with Duiwelskloof Kgapane to form the Greater Letaba Local Municipality in 2000, he was elected as the Speaker and served for two years and as the Mayor from 2003 to 2006. After elections in 2006, he moved to Mopani District Municipality to serve as Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) responsible for governance and administration.

He served as SALGA PEC member from 1996 – 2016 and was part of the inaugural conference that was addressed by the then president Nelson Mandela in 1996. He also served in Transport MINMEC on behalf of SALGA from 2006. SALGA nominated

Alderman Sizwe Ramaremela to serve in the Human Settlement MINMEC and Road Traffic Management Corporation.

After general elections in 2014, SALGA deployed Alderman Ramaremela to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). As a result of his position as Chairperson of Municipal Infrastructure and Services (MIS) of SALGA Limpopo, he chaired a number of forums including Energy and Provincial Sanitation Task Team.

SALGA requested Alderman Sizwe Ramaremela to be part of the organization's facilitator because of institutional memory he possesses. He started to facilitate Councillor Induction Programme since 2000 and Portfolio-based Inductions since 2016. He has helped churches and traditional authorities to understand the local government sector having trained the Limpopo Ministers Fraternal, traditional leaders and headmen.

He was honored during the 2016 SALGA Limpopo Extended Speakers Forum with Chairperson's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Good Governance and Capacity Building of Councillors.

On behalf of the entire SALGA Provincial Executive Committee and Administration, Limpopo Chairperson Cllr Thembi Nkadimeng would like to offer profound sorrow and deepest condolences to Ramaremela family, relatives, friends, Mopani District, Limpopo Province and his political home of the African National Congress (ANC).

In this difficult time of mourning, SALGA Limpopo stands with Ramaremela family.

May his soul rest in peace!

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