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Municipalities awarded and new Provincial Executive Committee elected at SALGA Mpumalanga Provincial Conference

On the 20th and 21st of January 2022, SALGA in Mpumalanga hosted its Provincial Conference at Ingwenyama Conference and Sports Resort in Mbombela.

Themed **“Renewal and recommitment to the developmental local government promise, for a Democratic and People Centred Local Government”**, the purpose of the Provincial Conference was to:

- Elect the members of the Provincial Executive Committee;
- Nominate two (2) Members to the National Executive Committee;
- Establish and review provincial oversight bodies as required by law; and
- Approve the provincial programme of action, business plan and budget in respect of the ensuing five years.

“I congratulate you as Councilors and chosen leaders of local government. I also congratulate Mr. Chirwa, who is the outgoing SALGA Mpumalanga Chairperson, as a now sworn-in member of the Provincial Legislature. SALGA is at the center of synchronizing service delivery systems. I acknowledge and appreciate the training programme (Integrated Councillor Induction Programme) that SALGA has implemented in the province to capacitate councilors and encourage SALGA to continue with their work in developing the skills and capacity of councilors”, said MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs Hon Ms. Busi Shiba as she delivered a Message of Support and Keynote Address.

Presentations and Panel discussions took place during the two-day Conference consisting of prominent speakers within the sector, some of which focused on:

- The Journey of the 4th Term of Democratic Local Government: Opportunities to renew as we start the 5th Term of Local Government.
- Capable and Ethical Leadership Capacity with strengthened Community Interface.
- Adequate Socio-Economic Infrastructure and Maintenance, Accelerated and Sustained Service Delivery to Local Communities.



SALGA also recognized municipalities through Recognition Awards during the Conference as follows:

- Steve Tshwete Local Municipality and Ehlanzeni District Municipality for Successful and Sustainable Local Economic Development (LED) Forum.
- Govan Mbeki Local Municipality for Most Improved Local Municipality on implementation of Task Job Evaluation process.
- Ehlanzeni District Job Evaluation unit Best Performing District Job Evaluation unit.
- Ehlanzeni District Municipality and Bushbuckridge Local Municipality for Implementation of PMS.
- Bushbuckridge Local Municipality which received the Chairperson's Award, as the municipality was recognized for doing well in terms of being innovative, responsive and advocating for community centred development as well as Public Participation.

The election of the new Provincial Executive Committee took place on the second day of the Conference. "I am truly humbled by the confidence that this Conference has shown in me and the collective leadership that has been elected to carry forward the good work of our predecessors", said Cllr. Jesta Sidell who was elected unopposed as the SALGA Chairperson in Mpumalanga. The SALGA Provincial Executive Committee for the 5th administration following the 1 November 2021 Local Government Elections was elected at the Mpumalanga Provincial Conference as follows:

- **Chairperson:** Cllr. Jesta Sidell, Executive Mayor: Ehlanzeni District Municipality
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Cllr. Leah Mabuza, Executive Mayor: Nkangala District Municipality
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Cllr. Sylvia Nxumalo, Executive Mayor: Bushbuckridge Local Municipality
- **Deputy Chairperson:** Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu, Executive Mayor: Gert Sibande District Municipality
- **Additional member:** Cllr. Mduduzi Nkosi, Speaker: Emalahleni Local Municipality
- **Additional member:** Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi, Executive Mayor: Dipaleseng Local Municipality
- **Additional member:** Cllr. Sabina Mtsweni, MMC Public Safety: Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality
- **Additional member:** Cllr. Teboho Hlakutse, MMC Technical and Infrastructure: Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality
- **Additional member:** Cllr. Million Shongwe, MMC Municipal Health: Ehlanzeni District Municipality
- **Additional member:** Cllr. Friddah Nkadimeng, Executive Mayor: Thaba Chweu Local Municipality
- **National Executive Committee member:** Cllr. Flora Maboja-Boltman, MMC Corporate Services: Gert Sibande District Municipality
- **National Executive Committee member:** Cllr. Lesetja Dikgale, Executive Mayor: Thembisile Hani Local Municipality



- **Chairperson of Provincial Women’s Commission:** Cllr. Sibongile Makushe, Executive Mayor: City of Mbombela
- **National Council of Provinces representative:** Cllr. Selina Mashigo-Sekgobela, MMC Social Services: Ehlanzeni District Municipality
- **National Council of Provinces representative:** Cllr. Sibongile Ginindza, Speaker: Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality
- **National Council of Provinces representative:** Cllr. Tiny Mthimunye, MPAC Chairperson: Nkangala District Municipality
- **Provincial Legislature representative:** Cllr. Nomsa Mstweni, Executive Mayor: Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality
- **Provincial Legislature representative:** Cllr. Phumzile Mashego, MMC Energy: City of Mbombela Local Municipality
- **Provincial Legislature representative:** Cllr. Nhlakanipho Zuma, Executive Mayor: Govan Mbeki Local Municipality

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SALGA Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons



Newly elected SALGA Mpumalanga Chairperson, Cllr. Jesta Sidell

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