

MEDIA RELEASE

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SALGA Western Cape appoints a Provincial Executive Committee

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Western Cape hosted its Provincial Conference in George on 18 and 19 January 2022. convened by its Provincial Executive Committee (PEC).

Cllr. Donovan Joubert, Speaker for Cape Winelands District Municipality was elected unopposed as the Chairperson of SALGA Western Cape's PEC. The election of the new PEC took place during a two-day provincial conference that marks the beginning of a new term for local government and sets the agenda for the local government for the next five years.

Cllr. Anthony Moses (Cape Town Municipality), Cllr. Aidan Stowman (Drakenstein Municipality) and Ald. Memory Booysen (Garden Route District Municipality) were elected as Deputy Chairpersons. Other PEC members are Ald. Mrs. Helena von Schlicht, Cllr. André Truter, Cllr. Mrs Jacoline Visser, Cllr. Carl Pophaim, Ald. Georlene Wolmarans and Cllr. Mrs Linda Jaquet. Cllr. Joubert takes over from Ald. Anton Coetsee who held the Chairperson position for the past term.

In his first address as chairman, Mr Joubert said he is humbled by the responsibility he has been entrusted with, to chair the PEC. He thanked the delegates who elected him to the position and said that he is looking forward to working with the new members of the PEC and that collectively they will realise the developmental local government mandate.

"I want to express my gratitude to the delegates for showing confidence in me and the leadership that has been elected. We will certainly lead with diligence and deal with the matters that affect our members. I will do my best to make those who have preceded us proud," said Cllr. Joubert.

He also expressed gratitude to the outgoing chairperson Ald. Coetsee for paving the way for him and said he hopes that together with the new members, they will carry forward the baton that has been passed on to them.

"Let me take this opportunity to thank the outgoing chairperson of the PEC, Alderman Anton Coetsee, whose shoes cannot be filled. We value your contributions towards SALGA and towards the province as a whole. We know that this road was not without challenges, but despite that, you have taken SALGA to new heights", he said.



Cllr. Joubert went on to highlight a few issues that he and his team aim to address during their term of office as the PEC. The challenges that they will address immediately include inadequate human capital, lack of adequate funding in municipalities and inappropriate governance and legislative framework.

“We will need to map out a plan of action to address these challenges. We will also endeavour to align the leadership, governance and human resources management, as well as improve the image of local government,” he said.

Cllr. Ms Helen Coetzee from Overberg District Municipality will chair the SALGA Women’s Commission, taking over from Councillor Dr. Annelie Rabbie.

Councillors Dr Annelie Rabie and Xanthea Limberg were nominated to serve on the National Executive Committee of SALGA.

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