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SALGA Northern Cape to convene its Provincial Members Assembly (PMA) on 26-27 July 2023 in Kathu.

The Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) of South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in Northern Cape, led by its Chairperson, Councillor Michael Segede will convene as the Provincial Members Assembly (PMA) at Kathu Town Hall in Gamagara Municipality, on the 26th and 27th of July 2023.

Held under the theme, “Making Local Economic Development a local reality”, the PMA is a constitutional meeting of all member municipalities in the province that is convened between provincial conferences. It brings together under one roof senior decision makers in municipalities made up of Mayors, Speakers, Municipal Managers and Chief Financial Officers as delegates to the assembly.

The PMA will be preceded by a welcome and networking session at Kathu Country Club where it is anticipated that the Northern Cape Premier, Honorable Dr. Zamani Saul will deliver the keynote address and set the tone in support of this PMA. The session will also serve as the inaugural participation of the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of SALGA, Mr. Sithole Mbanga, with the Northern Cape members.

The first session on 27 July will cover aspects relating to the Proposed Amendments to key Local Government pieces of legislation as well as the important Standard Transfer Specification (STS) prepaid meters Token Identifier (TID) status update and highlighting of this reality in the province.

External stakeholders such as members from the academic fraternity have been invited to share various perspectives on critical areas of local government such as water preservation, ethical orientation, economic infrastructure in the province, importance of communication and the latest statistics on social and labour plans just to name a few. Speakers such as Dr. Molantwa from the

Water Research Commission will spark a discussion on water provision in the province, whilst Professor Ballard from Stellenbosch University's School of Public Leadership will speak on Infrastructure for Economic Sustainability, Fatima Rawat from the Ethics Institute will present on Ethics relevant to the sector, Faith Nyaka from the National School of Government will enlighten the audience of the Professionalization of the Public Service.

The PMA will further serve as platform for robust engagements among sector specialist in the form of three different plenary discussions covering the following areas:

1. Creation of sustainable agricultural solutions for municipalities.
2. Creation of sustainable and viable economic development solutions for communities.
3. Governance at municipalities for sustainable development.

The day will conclude with the adoption of a PMA Declaration covering the resolutions adopted and the spirit and context in which the proceedings were undertaken.

Members of the media are invited to be part of this Provincial Members Assembly. Pre-event interviews are also welcome and can be arranged through SALGA's Provincial Communications.

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