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Message from the Executive Mayor

We have come to the end of the 2008/09 financial year and can now take stock of our achievements and challenges.

2008/09 has been a year full of more positive and less negative aspects.

Although we did not walk away with the Provincial Vuna Awards crown we did take important categories in service delivery such as the highest IDP rating of over 90%, the highest municipal infrastructure projects spending and municipal financial viability and management. We also managed the feat of a clear audit for the third year out of four.

The district municipality has successfully implemented more than 90% of the planned infrastructure projects throughout the district. The spatial development framework for all the local municipalities and the district management area have been developed and adopted.

We have come a step closer to achieving our goal of a shared financial system through the successful launch and implementation of the E-Venus financial system. The training of both internal staff as well as the finance staff of the local municipalities has been running smoothly in the latter part of May and now at the beginning of June 2009.

The system is set to go live as from the 01st July 2009 at the FBDM and most of the local municipalities.

It is clear that we can be proud of our efforts at the close of this year and we should work even harder to improve on the work done.



**The Executive Mayor
Mr Achmat Florence**



From the Municipal Manager's Desk

With the publishing of this issue of our external newsletter we reach the halfway mark of this year. It also means that our budget cycle is completed and as from the 01st of July we will start implementing our projects to eradicate backlogs in service delivery and to improve the local economic development in our region to positively improve the quality of life in the Frances Baard District Municipality's area.

The Budget process started way back in August 2008. The cornerstone of our budget process is the IDP. The importance of our IDP process is that it is a consultative process.

During this process it is important that communities receive report back on planned activities as well as on planned activities. It is further important that they are publicly consulted to ensure that councillors, officials and the community at large share a common vision on how the District should develop.

Frances Baard District Municipality is in the fortunate position that it can budget almost R30 million for capital expenditure. Most of this will be spent on projects to eradicate backlogs in basic infrastructure. An amount of R10 million is also available to assist local municipalities with urgent Operation and Maintenance (O & M) needs.

The maintenance of infrastructure is a huge burden on local authorities.

With the current drive of the newly established Department of Water and Environmental Affairs to put more emphasis on their regulatory role, local authorities will come under pressure to improve the quality of drinking water as well as the quality of effluent discharged from their sewer treatment plants.

With the Blue Drop/Green Drop initiative inhabitants of local communities will become aware of the water quality they are receiving. This will enable them to put pressure on their local municipality whose only response will have to be to improve operation and maintenance at their treatment plants.

The budget which was been approved by Council on 27 May 2009 made the means to address the problems within our communities available to the various units within Frances Baard District Municipality. There should be no excuse to realize our motto "we serve the community". If we adhere to the Batho Pele principles and spend our budget wisely we will make a positive impact on the daily lives of our people.



**Municipal Manager,
Mr Thabo Nosi**

"Know your Region" tour for Mayoral Committee



Delegates browse through the products on display at the Koopmansfontein Beads Project



One of the entrepreneurs who works from the "Beehive" in Barkly West.

The LED Unit arranged a two day tour for the Mayoral Committee of the FBDM. Accompanied by the Speaker, the Municipal Manager and some of the HOD's the Committee visited various projects in the district on 02 - 03 June 2009.

The objective of the tour was to create awareness, market and encourage product knowledge amongst the key stakeholders.

Some of the projects that were visited included the Beehive and Pebble projects in Dikgatlong; the recycling project in Magareng and the Diamond Hub in Sol Plaatje municipality.

Celebrating Human Rights

“In our quest to advance human rights, we need to aggressively promote social cohesion, inclusion, non-racism and non-sexism”

On 21 March 2009 the then President Kgalema Motlanthe delivered the keynote address at this year’s national event of Human Rights Day which was celebrated in the Frances Baard District at the Galeshewe Stadium in Kimberley.

The theme for the day was “Celebrating 15 years of freedom and human rights”. This day was in honour of those fellow South African heroes and heroines who sacrificed their lives in pursuit of freedom, justice and human rights.

The event was graced with the presence of the Premier Dipuo Peters, Minister Enver Surty, MEC John Block as Programme Director, Adv Lawrence Mushwana, Chairperson of State Institution Support Constitutional Democracy, Ms Nomboniso Gasa, Rev Westley Mabuza, Dr Bragalia Bam and Sol Plaatje Executive Mayor, Patrick Everyday.

In his address President Motlanthe said that human rights and democracy are closely linked. Democracy is rooted in values based on respect for equal worth of all human beings.

By the same token, full compliance with human rights presupposes a democratic society. Respect for human rights is fundamental to a well functioning democracy.

President Motlanthe also quoted the former President Nelson Mandela who said that “We must promote democracy and human rights at every level of society. Democracy and human rights are inseparable, we can not have the one without the other.”



President Kgalema Motlanthe addressing the crowd during the National Human Rights Day celebrations which took place at the Galeshewe stadium in Kimberley.

The President spoke about the objectivity of the South African Constitution where he said our Constitution is to improve the quality of life of all citizens and free potential of each person.

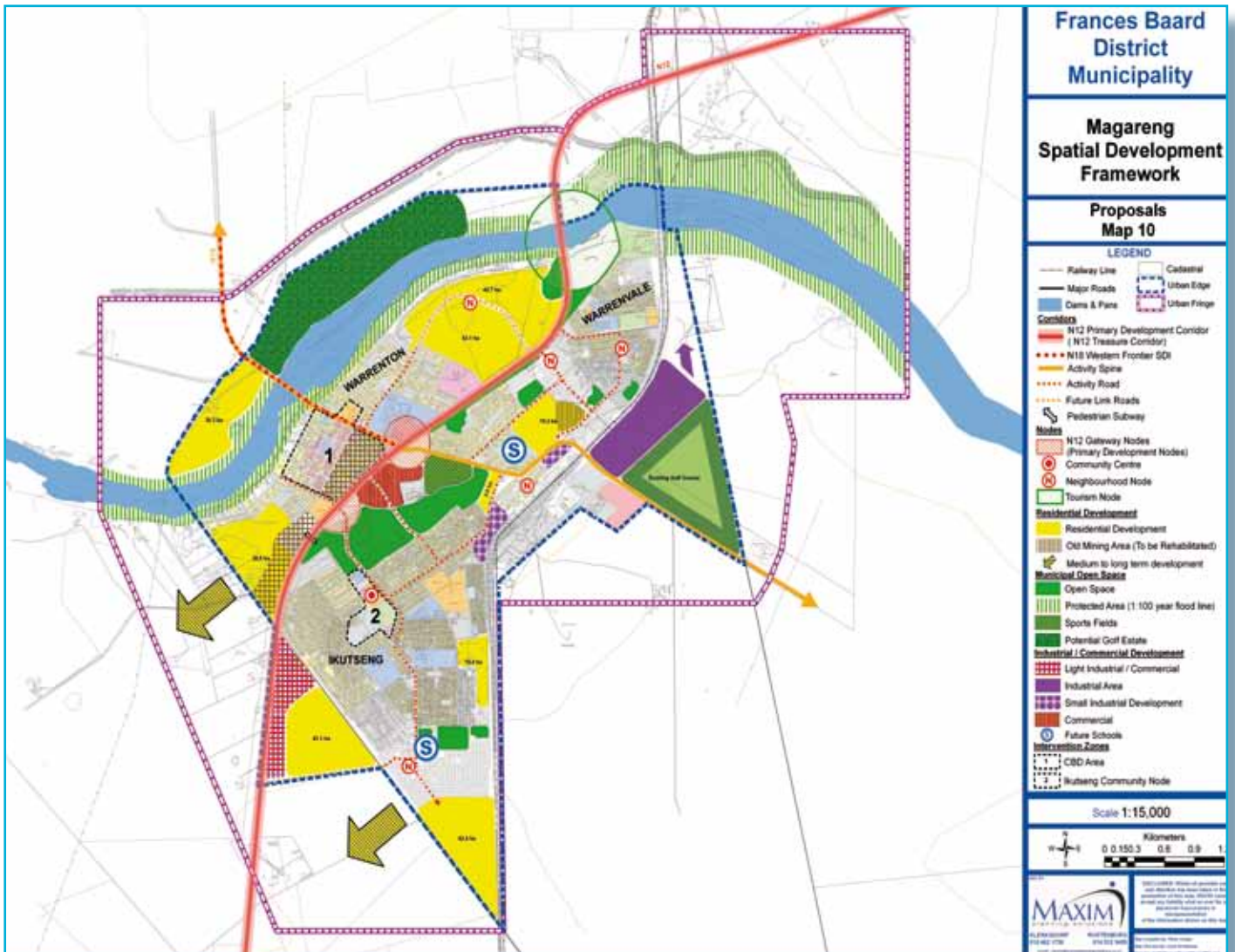
The President also raised the issue of women who suffered under the triple yoke of oppression, discrimination against as women, oppressed as black people and exploited as workers.

He confirmed that government continues to fight the scourge of gender based violence.

Government has finalized legislation, developed policies and programmes and co-ordination mechanisms to facilitate access to justice for the most vulnerable and marginalized groups.

On the rights of people with disabilities, South Africa has recently ratified the International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disability.

Spatial Development Framework - Magareng Municipality



A Spatial Development Framework (SDF) is a framework that seeks to guide overall spatial distribution of current and desirable land uses within a municipality, in order to give effect to the vision, goals and objectives in the municipal integrated development plan (IDP).

The main aim of the SDF for Magareng Municipality is to promote a consistent urban development policy approach for effective urban reconstruction and development, to guide development policies, strategies and action of all stakeholders in the urban development process and to steer them towards the achievement of a collective vision.

The SDF will form an integrated part of the IDP of the municipality. It should not only provide spatial guidelines with regard to development projects but should also assist the municipality to prioritize their projects.

Spatial Development Proposals

The SDF for Magareng Municipality consists of two layers of frameworks to address strategic issues on an urban level (Warrenton) and municipal level.

These levels include:

- Urban level spatial development framework for the urban area of Warrenton
- Municipal SDF covering the total area of jurisdiction

These spatial development frameworks should inform municipal decision-making, set principles for prioritisation and provide guidelines for future spatial planning.

Spatial Objectives

The following spatial development objectives should be applicable:

- Capitalizing on the location of Magareng on the N12 Treasure corridor (SDI) of national and Provincial importance, as well as the N18 (western frontier SDI).
- Enhancement of Magareng as prominent regional centre and core area of importance.
- Enhancement of sustainable development.
- Improving the living standards of people within the dormitory townships and rural areas by providing community facilities and business opportunities within accessible and centralized nodes.
- Alignment and identification of economic opportunities along major Corridors.
- Identification of sufficient land for urban development within a well demarcated urban edge.
- Implementation of urban renewal programme.
- Address the housing needs in an integrated manner based on Breaking New Ground.
- Enhance eco-tourism (Vaal river, game farms, Conservancies and Spitskop Dam).
- Improve the competitiveness of Magareng by proper maintenance of Infrastructure and provision of bulk infrastructure.

Spatial Strategies

The municipal area of Magareng can be subdivided into the following intervention zones:

Urban Build-up area

Defined as the current urban area (existing development area)

Urban Edge

The main function of the urban edge is to restrict urban sprawl, promote densification of areas and the protection

of agricultural and environmental resources. This area includes the build-up areas as well as expected short and medium term developments.

Urban Fringe

Refers to the zone of transition in land use and socio-economic characteristics between the build-up areas/urban edge and the surrounding rural hinterland.

Rural Hinterland

These areas mainly consist of commercial farms.

Strategic Interventions

As far as development is concerned the following strategic interventions should be applicable within these zones:

Urban Build-up area

- Densification
- Urban infill
- Upgrading and proper maintenance of infrastructure
- Urban renewal
- Protection of environmental sensitive areas as well as cultural heritage resources

Urban Edge

- Planning and provision of bulk services for new development areas
- Planning and development of new township establishments/development projects in such a manner that it will enhance integration of areas
- Integration of environmental sensitive areas within the municipal open space system
- Stimulation of local economic development projects

Urban Fringe (Transitional zone)

- Protection of environmental sensitive areas as well as high potential agricultural land
- Stimulation of local economic development
- New township developments/development projects to be considered on merit provided that the municipality will not be responsible for the funding of bulk and external services.
- Proper land use management.

Rural Hinterland

- Protection and management of environmental sensitive areas and mineral resources
- Protection of high potential agricultural land and the promotion of sustainable agricultural projects.

For more information regarding the SDF for Magareng Municipality, please contact the Directorate: Planning & Development.



2009/2010 Budget & IDP processes closer to communities

Local municipalities are required by the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 to consult and report back to communities on their planned activities as well as their performance so that communities can be afforded an opportunity to voice their opinions on the day-to-day functioning of the municipality. To meet this requirement FBDM conducted a community consultation process to source input from communities for the 2009/2010 IDP & Budget.

Information session workshops were first convened with the FBDM Councillors and Officials, with the purpose of ensuring that when the public consultation process commences we share a common vision and shall have established our roles and responsibilities for a successful 2009/2010 IDP & Budget in FBDM.

The consultative process was advertised in the local media and the venue of this year's consultative process was at Koopmansfontein. The venue was selected to ensure and enhance easy access for all community members to attend.

Transport was arranged to and from the venue for the residents of other neighboring communities by FBDM. The time chosen for the process also ensured maximum attendance. Although the day started with some rain it did not deter the community and we had an attendance of more than 70 people.

The consultative session was driven by the Executive Mayor, Mr. Achmat Florence. The CFO, Mr Hannes van Biljon, made a comprehensive presentation of the proposed 2009/2010 Budget/IDP. The power point presentations were prepared in English in order to facilitate maximum participation. The presenter translated the presentation into a unanimously agreed upon African language to cater for those who need translation.



The CFO, Mr Hannes van Biljon explaining the budget processes to the community members present.

The main objective of the presentation was:

- To gather requests from communities which would conclude into ward priorities that will ultimately be consolidated into FBDM 2009/2010 IDP & Budget; and
- To educate our communities on how they can be involved in the process of decision making of the FBDM.

After the presentations the community got the opportunity to raise their concerns, questions and comments. The input from the communities was recorded for review of the final Budget. After the formal consultative session the communities, FBDM Councillors and officials continued discussions more informally over a cup of coffee and biscuits.

The final 2009/2010 Budget for the FBDM were approved by Council on 27 May 2009. This consultative process can be seen as a good start for the coming financial year, where FBDM and communities can grow together.

A peek into the 2009/10 FBDM budget

Operational Budget	-	R 107,991,830
Capital Budget	-	R 8,660,500
Deficit	-	R 2,360

Capital Projects to Category B-municipalities

Municipality	Description		2009 / 10	2010 / 11	2011 / 12
Magareng	Provision of a Water Reticulation Network for 558 sites in Warrenvale	Projects	2,500,000		
	Provision of sewer network for 558 sites in Warrenvale	Projects		5,000,000	
	Provision of sewer network for 1298 sites in Ikhutseng	Projects			9,905,470

Municipality	Description		2009 / 10	2010 / 11	2011 / 12
Phokwane	Sewer connections for 840 sites in Jan Kempdorp	Projects	2,300,000	3,700,000	
	Upgrade of water treatment works	Projects		1,500,000	
	Purchase of LDV for Traffic Department	Projects	200,000		
	Streets & Stormwater: Pampierstad	Projects			5,000,000

Town	Description		2009 / 10	2010 / 11	2011 / 12
Dikgatlong	Upgrade bulk water supply	Projects	1,850,000		
	Water reticulation: Barkly West	Projects	650,000		
	Feasibility Study for Landfill Site: Holpan	Projects		433,200	
	Feasibility Study for Landfill Site: Longlands	Projects		433,200	
	Town Planning of 150 Sites in Proteahof	Projects			150,830
	Town Planning of 300 Sites in Tidimalo	Projects		224,000	
	Town Planning of 300 Sites in Mataleng	Projects		129,600	94,400
	Town Planning in Barkley West Town (New Development - Windsorton Road)	Projects			350,000
	Resealing of Tarred Roads: B-wes	Projects		2,500,000	200,000
	EIA: Streets and Stormwater: Windsorton	Projects			159,300.00

Municipality	Description		2009 / 10	2010 / 11	2011 / 12
DMA	Electricity on Farms	EQS	3,991,700		

Stormwater runoff problem addressed

Dikgatlong municipality approached the District Municipality for funds to assist them with the problem the Municipality experienced in January 2009 where seven (7) houses to be flooded in Morape Street in Mataleng, Barkley West were flooded.

The reason for the flooding was heavy rains that proved to be too much for the current stormwater infrastructure of Mataleng. This happened despite the presence of a paved/tarred road and storm water infrastructure in that vicinity. Morape Street is a surfaced street with a single sloped super elevation with a kerb and stormwater channel on the lower side.

The affected area is at a natural low point which means that stormwater will tend to accumulate there. The floor-levels of the affected houses are much lower than the finish level of the service roads and the surrounding area which cause the inflow into houses.

The drainage from the affected erven was also not effective. Stormwater could not gravitate through the back of the erven because of several obstacles and the natural topography. The afore-mentioned hampered the natural flow of stormwater was blocked and that was why the water became stagnant and pools were formed.

Kwezi V3 Engineers was tasked to assess the situation and determine/provide:

- the reason for the flooding
- recommendations to improve the situation
- a cost estimate for the work to be done

The reasons for the flooding were therefore:

- Heavy rains that proved to be too much for the current/existing stormwater infrastructure of Mataleng,
- The affected area is at a natural low point which means that stormwater will tend to accumulate there,
- The floor levels of the affected houses are much lower than the finish level of the service roads and the surrounding area which caused the inflow into houses,
- No effective drainage from erven.

Recommendations

The following recommendations were made based on visual assessment to alleviate some of the stormwater problems:

- The construction of two (2) concrete berms to deviate stormwater to the road,
- 100m³ of earthworks (imported fill) to fill up the road reserve (area between erf boundary and edge of road),
- 200m² of paving on road reserve (area between erf boundary and the edge of the road),
- Construction of boundary walls (60m x 1m x 220mm brick wall), to act as retaining walls
- Construction of concrete ramps to provide access to erven,
- Clearing and grubbing of erf boundary to promote storm water gravitation and drainage.

Did you know...

When it rains, stormwater runoff that isn't properly managed can flow over impervious surfaces picking up pollutants along the way and washing them into rivers and streams.

Stormwater runoff can also cause flooding and erosion, destroy habitat and contribute to combined sewer overflows (CSOs). Stormwater management systems that mimic nature by integrating stormwater

into building and site development can reduce the damaging effects of urbanization on rivers and streams.

Disconnecting the flow from storm sewers and directing runoff to natural systems like landscaped planters, swales and rain gardens or implementing an eco-roof reduces and filters stormwater runoff.

The Assessment

A site visit was conducted in January 2009 with the technical manager of the municipality, Mr D Maposa, to identify the problem area and for visual assessment. This assessment is depicted in the following photographs to better explain the process.



The floor levels of these houses are much lower than the finish level of the road



Labour intensive project where both women & men were employed



Erosion because of stormwater drainage problem



Preparing pavement for the laying of paving



Preparation work to lay paving. Laying of foundation for the construction of retaining wall.



This is what the street looked liked after the project was completed.

Developing Tourism SMME awareness amongst young entrepreneurs

The promotion of Local Economic Development can best be addressed through the empowerment of Small Medium and Macro Enterprises (SMME's). Entrepreneurs can best manage their business only if they have the necessary skills, capacity and tools. The Youth of the FBDM being men, women and the disabled play a vital role in the promotion of the district economy.



Youths and entrepreneurs from across the district listening attentively to the speakers at the Warrenton Cultural Resort.

On 23 - 24 February 2009 the Executive Mayor embarked on a programme with the LED / Tourism Unit in Warrenton. The workshop included fifteen young SMME's from Phokwane, Magareng and Dikgatlong local municipalities.

Delegates had to meet the following criteria:

- Be an entrepreneur or owner of an informal business
- Not younger than 18 years and preferably not attending school
- The identification of delegates will be done by the Local Municipality

The goal of the programme was to create awareness of the importance of the development of youth entrepreneurs in order to not only encourage young entrepreneurs but also to prepare them for the challenges and opportunities that await them in the business world.

The integrated development plan (IDP) of the district municipality has identified tourism as an important sector due to the areas of extensive natural and cultural heritage.

As tourism is government, private sector driven and community owned the latter means that tourism consumption takes place at grassroots level where communities are the meeting place (the market) between tourists and members of the communities. Tourism happens in communities and members of the communities therefore act as host visitors.

The creation of a sound tourism culture and high levels of tourism awareness is therefore a critical success factor in securing the success of a destination such as the Frances Baard district. Creating a conducive tourism culture and enhancing the levels of tourism awareness will be realized with launching special programmes at community level especially when the youth is targeted. Such tourism awareness campaigns will eventually culminate in the offering of a much improved tourism experience and better "word of mouth" promotional effect, thus enhancing the attractiveness and reputation of the Frances Baard district as a tourist destination.

The desired outcomes of the Frances Baard youth tourism awareness programme are mainly to:

- Mobilise the region's youth to develop an interest in developing and promoting the Frances Baard region as a tourist destination.
- Enhance the regional youth's understanding of the local tourism industry, the mechanisms of a successful destination and the value of the tourist in their midst.
- Enhance the tourism knowledge of the region's youth by exposing them to our various key attractions.
- Enhance the regional youth's awareness of skills development, career and business opportunities in the local tourism industry.
- Foster a culture of regional volunteerism, e.g voluntary service in the tourist information centre.
- Improve the community pride of the regional youth.

“Media Centre” opened at school

On the 01 April 2009 Tshireleco High School, the overall winner of the Tourism Business Plan Competition opened a media centre at their school.

The competition presented learners with the opportunity to practically develop their business plan writing skills and have their business plans evaluated by experts. Tshireleco High walked away with the first prize of the competition held in September 2008 where schools from across the district competed.

The Municipal Manager, Mr Thabo Nosi, who represented the Executive Mayor of the district municipality at the opening of the centre said that it was an honour to be able to be part of this event.

Mr Nosi who was a pupil at this school more than 28 years ago said that learners should take advantage of the opportunity to learn even more about the field of tourism as it played such a big role in our district economy.

The learners requested one of the class rooms at the school for this project and went to work to change it into their own media centre. The Principal, Mr K.R Letselebe said that this class room was now the best



Members of the School Governing Body, Mr Jumba and Mrs Mdluli (front), assisted by the Municipal Manager of FBDM, Mr Thabo Nosi, cut the ribbon to officially open the Media Centre.

recoured classroom at the school.

The room received a fresh coat of paint and curtains and the work benches were restored to its former condition when it was scoured and varnished. Some of the equipment also bought was a data projector, overhead screen, sound system and a brochure display cabinet.

“Take a Girl Child to Work Day”

This year marked the 7th anniversary of the “Take a girl child to work” campaign. The campaign has seen hundreds of girl learners around the province and the country getting an opportunity to spend a day at a “workplace”. 10 learners from St Boniface High School visited the FBDM on the 28th May 2009.

This campaign is an annual corporate social investment event held in the country since 2003. Companies and organisations involved organise for female learners, usually from disadvantaged backgrounds, to spend the day at their place of work on the last Thursday of May. Take a girl child to work day is an initiative that seeks to inspire girl children and to help them find the right career path and thereby make informed career choices. It provides an opportunity for these learners to “stop, think and evaluate” the choices that they will make with the information gathered on the day.

The Office of the Speaker this year changed the approach in an effort to have a more educational impact on the learners, their school and the district municipality. A competition was run in the form of a question paper which the girl learners had to complete and the winners



The group of girls from St. Boniface who visited the FBDM proudly posing with the Speaker, Ms Maria Chwarisang.

will be awarded with prizes which will be beneficial to the learners and their respective schools.

The prizes will be handed over to the winning learners' schools and will be used to pay school fees and stationary of the learners.

NATIONAL HEADLINES

Disability Framework for Local Government 2009

The Department of Provincial and Local Government and SALGA have completed the Disability Framework for Local Government. The policy framework seeks, amongst others, to ensure that local government mainstreams disability issues into its programmes, policies, projects and activities.

More important, the policy seeks to ensure that people with disabilities are included in the local government workforce and actively participate in service delivery decision-making processes such as the Integrated Development Planning Forums and that they benefit from government development initiatives.

The Department in partnership with SALGA has launched the framework at a national event which targeted, amongst others, stakeholders from the Local Government sphere, the Institution of Traditional Leadership, Disabled People's Organisations and disabled community members.

The objectives of the launch were to:

- Raise awareness on the Disability Framework for Local Government,
- Advocate for its implementation by provincial departments of local government, municipalities, national departments, SALGA and any other stakeholders operating in the local government sphere,
- Urge local government leadership and personnel to mainstream disability in their policies, plans and projects.
- Advocate for disaggregated reporting for effective monitoring,
- Showcase disability aids for reasonable accommodation,
- Provide networking opportunities among role players and with resource providers.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Africa Public Service Day - 23 June 2009

Public Service Week: 29 June - 03 July 2009

Council meets the People 2009 - September 2009

Editorial Note

Our main feature in this issue has been the 2009/2010 budget & IDP processes. The emphasis in preparing the budget this year has been for internal departments to not only focus on the coming financial year but to plan for the two outer years as well.

Outer year planning has been emphasized of late to be extremely important. This gives credibility to a project and that it is not merely relegated to the status of a process which has to take place as part of an operational plan. With the project management system which has been put in place the importance of project orientated budgeting has grown in stature.

I want to thank the reader who has taken a particular interest in the article we carried in issue 15, *CDWs & the role they play*. The concern raised was regarding the role of CDWs in your particular municipality and also the awarding of tenders. The procedures regarding how tenders are evaluated and awarded are guided by the supply chain policy of the municipality and we suggest that you consult with your municipal officials who deal with supply chain and ask more clarity on how that particular municipality's supply chain policy works and the procedures that they follow to award tenders.

With regard to how CDWs are utilised by the municipality we suggest that you contact your municipal CDW Coordinator to discuss your concerns. Through the Coordinator your concerns can then be taken to a higher level and be addressed through the proper channels.

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