

Media Statement

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SEDIBENG DISTRICT AND ITS LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES ADOPT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTAL MODEL

On the 09th-10th May 2022, Cllr Lerato Maloka, the Sedibeng District Executive Mayor, coordinated and hosted a District Wide IDP Lekgotla which was attended by Emfuleni Local Municipality, Midvaal Local Municipality and Lesedi Local Municipality's Executive Mayors, Members of the Mayoral Committees, Speakers, Chief Whip of Councils and Chairpersons of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee jointly with national and provincial spheres of government to top-down integrate and align government plans to provide basic services, promote investment and create jobs.

"It is also my assertion that the results of November 2021 Local Government Elections changed our regional political landscape; however, it has given us an opportunity to make honest efforts for Sedibeng District Municipality to succeed in everything we dare execute. And these efforts are through multiparty coalition in Emfuleni, Lesedi, and in the district" said Sedibeng District Executive Mayor, Cllr Lerato Maloka during her opening of Sedibeng District-Wide IDP Lekgotla on the 09th May 2022 at Riverside Sun Hotel, Vanderbijlpark.

The District Wide IDP Lekgotla was graced by the National and Provincial DDM Champions, Mme Angie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education and Mme Faith Mazibuko, MEC for Community Safety respectively. Minister of Basic Education, Mme Angie Motshekga in her message on the District Developmental Model (DDM) said that "We have to find ways ourselves to work together to make sure that the single community that we are serving; we organise ourselves, we integrate our work so that we (government) can also serve as similar community".

Executive Mayor stated that "The purpose of the District Wide IDP Lekgotla is primarily to reflect on the course of action we intend to take and remind ourselves about the posture and our commitment. This Lekgotla must achieve dovetailed aspirations of our communities in Emfuleni, Midvaal and Lesedi resulting into One Plan"

One Plan is strategic framework from joint planning, budgeting and implementation over a period of time in a targeted municipal space. One Plan is a result of the Cabinet adoption of the District Development Model (DDM) in 2019.

The District Development Model is a new integrated district-based approach to address our service delivery challenges, to localise procurement and job creation, that promotes and supports local businesses, and with the grassroots involvement of communities.

On Tuesday, the 10th May 2022, Sedibeng District-Wide IDP Lekgotla declared the following:

1. That we will jointly adopt and implement the District Development Model One Plan.
2. That we will establish an Economic Development Agency for the District.
3. That we will leverage on our assets i.e Prime development land, in order to lure and attract investment in the region.
4. That we will strengthen partnerships and collaboration with the private sector, Institutions of Higher Learning and the Community.
5. That we will in this 6th Administration develop an Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan.
6. That we will improve AG Audit opinion and maintain clean governance.
7. That we will enhance the Shared Services model and alignment between the three municipalities and the District.
8. That we will consolidate our safety and security plans across all the municipalities.

Sedibeng District-Wide IDP Lekgotla Declaration was signed by the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr Lerato Maloka; Lesedi Local Municipality, Cllr Mluleki Nkosi; Midvaal Local Municipality, Cllr Peter Teixeira and Emfuleni Local Municipality, Cllr Siphon Radebe.

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