

SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS FORUM HELD



The Executive Mayor of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, Malefu Vilakazi, has urged all Mayors from six local municipalities within the district to fully participate in the District Co-ordinating Forum (DCF), which has been established in terms of Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2005 (Act 13 of 2005).

Opening a Seminar on the Implementation Protocols and Managing of Joint Programmes as well as on the Terms of References of DCF held at the District Council Chambers in Qwaqwa, the Executive Mayor stressed the importance of all the municipalities and the sector departments participating in the forum as it offers as an opportunity of dealing promptly with bottlenecks that hampers service delivery in our district at all levels.

“It also offers an opportunity to work jointly and in a cost- effective manner without duplication of programmes and activities,” she said.

The Executive Mayor was flanked by the Speaker of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Council Mbothoma Maduna and Municipal Manager, Bennett Molotsi.

Mayors present at the Seminar were Mayor Matsukudu Molapisi from Nketoana Local Municipality, Mayor Sello Ntsepe from Mantsopa Local Municipality, Mayor Tlokotsi Motaung from Phumelela Local Municipality and Executive Mayor Vusimuzi Tshabalala from Maluti a Phofung Local Municipality. Also present were Speakers from Nketoana and

Mantsopa, as well as the Municipal Manager from Phumelela. Other Municipalities had also sent representatives to the meeting.

The Seminar was organised by the Office of the District Mayor in conjunction with the Department of Co-operative Governance. The presenters were also from the same department.

The Mayors, Speakers and Municipal Managers present at the workshop expressed their commitment in ensuring vibrant intergovernmental relations in the district.

Making a presentation on the Terms of Reference, Mr Ike Tshitlho explained that the DCF serves as a consultative forum in which all municipalities in the Thabo Mofutsanyana meet to discuss matters of mutual interest, from the provision of services to the supporting of each in implementation of the national development plan and to resolve service delivery problems.