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MEC MAKAMU WELCOMES MAJOR DBSA PROGRAMME FOR THE VHEMBE AREA

Limpopo Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs MEC Mr Basikopo Makamu has applauded the Development Bank of South Africa's multi-billion rand 'Partner-A-District-Programme' set to be implemented in eight districts across the country, including the Vhembe District in Limpopo.

Head of Local Government at DBSA, Mr Chucheka Mhlongo, presented the bank's ground-breaking financial and non-financial integrated support programme to MEC Makamu, who was joined at the COGHSTA offices by District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Dowelani Nenguda and local municipality Mayors within the district.

The Vhembe District Municipality forms part of only eight district municipalities across the country who were admitted into the five-year programme, among many others who submitted applications nationwide.

"We are proud of the efforts made by the district to eventually be considered for this important programme. It is a monumental initiative that will change the face of the Vhembe area, and improve the lives of our people," says MEC Makamu.

The initiative will see a DBSA team, working together with COGHSTA and the municipalities, procedure an Execution Plan informed by the diagnosis of challenges in the area.

This Execution Plan will drive direct financial support towards infrastructure development, while broad integrated development support and institutional capacity building will be made available to the district in partnership with public and private sector stakeholders.

“I want to encourage our Mayors and Municipal Managers to wholly welcome the DBSA team when they arrive, and work with them in formulating thorough plans for the next five years in order for the necessary financial and non-financial support to be provisioned for the District,” says MEC Makamu.

The initiative also aims to absorb 100 unemployed graduates and 50 SMMEs to receive digital skills training.

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