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LIMPOPO COGHSTA MEC BASIKOPO MAKAMU PLEASED WITH THE PROVINCIAL PROGRESS TO RECONSTITUTE COUNCILS

Limpopo MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Basikopo Makamu, has expressed his pleasure towards the progress of Limpopo's processes for the reconstituting of municipal councils following the successful sitting of the sixth democratic local government elections.

Limpopo comprises of 27 municipalities whose councils need to be constituted before the legal deadline, which constitutionally is in 14 days after the IEC's official proclamation of election results.

"I am delighted to announce that it is all systems go for our municipalities to hold their first sittings, and I am confident that we will meet the legal deadline for this process to be undertaken successfully. I must further indicate that our provincial team, made up of COGHSTA, SALGA and the IEC, is ready to provide the necessary support at each maiden council sitting to achieve the smooth democratic transition expected," said MEC Makamu.

The constitution of local and district municipal councils will include the election of Executive Mayors, Speakers, Executive committees/Mayoral Committees, the appointment of full-time councilors and establishment of council committees.

MEC Makamu says the Department of COGHSTA, in managing the transitional arrangements, has been leading a team to ensure that the processes commence smoothly.

"We are grateful to the team from COGHSTA, SALGA and The Provincial Treasury that has worked on the Councilor Induction Programme for newly elected councilors. We trust that the programme will adequately capacitate our councilors with understanding their roles, legislations, key municipal processes and programmes," said MEC Makamu.

The MEC says this induction and the support provided by the different teams headed by COGHSTA will make certain that the baton is not dropped in ensuring that the elected representatives serve their communities effectively.

“Our people have spoken, they have chosen the parties they wish to entrust their local governance to. It is now time for the elected representatives to put our people first, and provide them with the services they need,” said the MEC.

Additionally, MEC Makamu has reserved a word of gratitude to the IEC and its staff for hosting successful elections.

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