

STATUTORY BODIES VOW TO TACKLE CHALLENGES IN THE HOUSING SECTOR



Members of the Rental Housing Tribunal and Housing Advisory Panel with the MEC and HOD :Front row: Ms. Manare Mothapo, Mr. Matome Mokgalabone (Chairperson RHT), MEC Jerry Ndou, Mr. Ntambudzeni Matamela and Ms. Ngaka Dumalisile (CoGHSTA Head of Department) **.Back row:**Ms Tintswalo Mathebula, Mr. Lebese Mamabolo, Ms. Makgetsi Mphahlele and Ms. Matlou Phaleng-Podile. **In absentia:** Prof. Muxe Nkondo (Chairperson of the Housing Advisory Panel), Ms Julia Nare(Deputy chairperson of the Housing Advisory Panel) and Adv Letsepe Thubakgale (Member of Rental Housing Tribunal)

In an effort to ensure that the province's rental sector grows strong and relationship between landlords and tenants is healthy, the MEC for CoGHSTA, Jerry Ndou inaugurated members of the Rental Housing Tribunal and the Housing Advisory Panel on the 21st of August 2018. Addressing board members, officials and members of the media at Fusion Boutique Hotel, where the inaugural ceremony was held, MEC Ndou highlighted that he was guided by Section 7 and 9 of the Limpopo Housing Act no.50 of 1999 and Section 5(6) of 2006 to appoint members of the Rental Housing Tribunal and Housing Advisory Panel respectively. "I am pleased that we indeed were able to appoint members of these two statutory bodies in terms of the Limpopo Housing Act. We appreciate the

success rate of these bodies and believe they will continue to produce good results of resolving disputes between landlords and tenants in their coming 3 year term," he said proudly. MEC Ndou further noted that he was aware inadequate budget to run the office, and undertook to look into the statutory bodies' financial struggles and the issue of decentralisation of municipalities. Chairperson of the Rental Housing Tribunal, Matome Mokgalabone referred to the tribunal as Limpopo's best kept secret as the tribunal is very successful but is not known by many. "In the next three years, we as the tribunal aim to strengthen the institution on efficiency and increase public awareness by carrying out our mandate in all towns of Limpopo and not only Burgersfort, Lephalale

and Polokwane where the rental sector is doing well," he pointed out. The Rental Housing Tribunal chairperson concluded by thanking the Human Settlements Subsidy Admin and Property Management Chief Directorate for the support in enabling the tribunal to carry out its mandate.

