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## KGOSHI LANGA II FINALLY ASCENDS THE THRONE



Deputy Minister of CoGTA, Mr Obed Bapela, newly installed Kgoshi Hans Masebe Langa II and the MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou.



The Chairperson of the National House of Traditional Leaders, Kgoshi Mahlangu.



The Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders, Kgoshi Malesela Dikgale, said they are ready to support Kgoshi Langa II.



The inauguration was attended by people from all walks of life. Veteran actors, Sello Maake ka Ncube and Patrick Shai also attended the ceremony.

After decades of Traditional Leadership disputes, Kgoshi Hans Langa II was finally inaugurated as a Senior Traditional Leader of Mapela Traditional Council and Mapela dynasty, outside Mokopane. The Traditional Leadership dispute took decades to be finalised. It also culminated to the royal family relocating to Hamanskraal in Gauteng for safety. Years went by; the families went in and out of courts and commissions. After the high court ruling in favor of Maselela Hans Langa II, then the Premier Stan Chupu Mathabatha appointed him as the Senior Traditional Leader of Mapela in 2017. Langa was appointed in terms of section 12 (1) (b) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act, 2005 (Act No. 6 of 2005).

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony that was held at Mapela on Sunday, 18 March 2018, the Deputy Minister of CoGTA, Mr Obed Bapela who

gave a keynote address congratulated Kgoshi Langa II and advised him to work with all stakeholders to ensure that there is development in his community. He said that Langa should also work with the mines, and the assistance that they get from the mines should not only benefit his family but should better the lives of the community of Mapela.

The MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou called for unity and stability amongst the members of the royal family. "A divided royal family will divide the community. A community without a leader is like a flock of sheep without a shepherd. As government, our doors are open to assist". Ndou further said that African problems should be addressed the African way and royal families should refrain from going to court whenever they are faced

with disputes.

The Chairperson of the National House of Traditional Leaders, Kgoshi Mahlangu said as the house, their doors are open to assist and they support Kgoshi Langa's plans of turning Mapela into an Industrial hub and to also encourage SMME's to participate in economic development. Mahlangu also highlighted that they are also behind him in his vision of revitalizing the agricultural activities which will in turn contribute towards food security and eradicate poverty within the Mapela community. In his response, Kgoshi Langa highlighted that it has not been easy to be where he is today, but he was grateful for everyone who stood by him and he committed to work with all the relevant stakeholders to ensure that the living conditions of the people of Mapela changes for the better and to leave the fallacies of the past.