

TRADITIONAL LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS IDEAS ON HOW TO MANAGE THE ENVIRONMENT AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Traditional leaders converged at the Ranch Hotel in Polokwane to attend the Environment and Natural Resources Management Indaba from the 28th-29 May 2018. The two day Indaba was organized by the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Leaders (CoGHSTA) and other Stakeholders. The objectives of the meeting included:

- To identify areas of collaboration between Traditional Leaders Institution, LEDET, Municipalities, other relevant sector departments, and Business over sustainable utilization of natural resource;
- To develop a Traditional communities natural resources economic beneficiation model as per the needs of individual districts;
- To identify critical areas to be protected in Traditional Leaders areas of jurisdiction; and
- To compile a comprehensive capacity building needs of traditional Leaders and Communities over natural resources management.

The MEC for LEDET, Mr Seaparo Sekoati, said their Department in the previous financial year conducted environmental capacity building workshops in all the districts. The objective was to provide and share information about environmental legislation and implementation at various levels. This was triggered by the findings of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Blitz which uncovered a number of environmental non-compliance incidences in traditional community areas.

The MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou thanked the traditional leaders for making time to attend the dialogue and said it very important that they form part of such great initiatives.



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The Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders, Kgoshi Malesela Dikgale.