

Districts Makotla workshop tackles service delivery needs by reviewing IDPS in Limpopo

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The provincial District Makgotla as per the Exco decision no. 19 of 2011/12 commenced three weeks ago, with Vhembe taking the lead on 3-4 May 2012. This was followed by the Capricorn District, whose session was on 8-9 May 2012, at Bolivia Lodge. The purpose of these workshops is to conduct an analysis of the draft IDPs/ budgets as adopted by municipalities, prior to the final adoption of the IDPs/ budgets by end of May. The attendance drew attention from Executive Mayors, Municipal Managers, General Managers and representatives from different departments in the Province.

Speaking during the workshop, the MEC highlighted key strategic deliverables, some of which became issues of discussion during the recent Human Settlement Housing Indaba held in Lephalale- November 2011, namely;

- Shared Vision 2014/15 - A clean, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient local government system
- Forward planning - mainly on infrastructure projects.
- Operation Clean Audit 2014.
- Common understanding of IDP reviews process and political leadership to master IDP
- The need to strengthen political oversight

Motsepe said it is important for municipalities to appoint managers with necessary requirements as per the Municipal Systems Act, i.e. skills, competency, qualification and expertise. He urged municipalities to be always accountable and follow all procurement processes when awarding tenders. "The biggest challenge faced by municipalities is lack of forward planning and also failure to do things properly when it comes to expenditure", concluded Motsepe