



*It's Official: Back row: Cllr Solomon Mahlatji (from CDM), the MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Basikopo Makamu, the Mayor of Polokwane Municipality, Cllr John Mpe, the MMC for Human Settlements at Polokwane Municipality, Ms Fikile Mashalane. Front row: The HOD for CoGHSTA, Dr Modjadji Malahlela and the Municipality Manager of Polokwane Municipality, Ms Thuso Nemugomoni.*

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

## POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY GRANTED HOUSING ACCREDITATION IMPLEMENTATION PROTOCOL.



*The MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Basikopo Makamu speaking during the signing of Level 2 Housing Accreditation Implementation Protocol.*

The MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu has congratulated Polokwane Municipality for being the first Municipality in the Province to be granted level 2 Housing Accreditation Implementation Protocol. MEC was speaking during a ceremony

that was held at the Municipality's Chambers on Thursday, 01 February 2024. The signing of the Accreditation Implementation Protocol is an agreement between the department and the municipality that henceforth will strengthen and improve the implementation of some of the National Department of Human Settlements Programmes. The agreement was signed by the Head of Department of CoGHSTA, Dr. Modjadji Malahlela and the Municipal Manager of Polokwane Municipality, Ms. Thuso Nemugomoni.

MEC Makamu said the accreditation is done in the quest by government to bring about accelerated quality service delivery and empowers the municipality to undertake several roles and responsibilities in the human settlements value-chain such as beneficiary management, technical planning and delivery of specific housing programmes.

*"The torch of progress is now in the hands of the Polokwane Municipality. Yet, I stand here confident that this new undertaking is the catalyst for an unprecedented modernization of our human*

*settlement's landscape. The Province has laid the groundwork through policy formulation and capacity building. Now, with the passing of the torch, execution and delivery become the prime focus".*

He continued by saying that the accreditation is done in the spirit of the Freedom Charter which expresses that *"There shall be Houses, Security and Comfort"*, the signing of this Implementation Protocol will provide propulsion for the delivery of speedy and quality services to the people of Limpopo.

The Mayor of Polokwane, Cllr John Mpe applauded the MEC and his team for making the accreditation a reality. *"Under the terms of protocol, we commit to reporting regularly to the MEC on the progress and the performance of our human settlements programmes. We understand the importance of transparency, accountability and effective governance and we pledge to uphold these principles in all our endeavours".*