



### **MEC Makamu applauds officials for a sterling work in supporting municipalities**

Polokwane - The MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu had a meeting with Officials from the Directorate, Municipal Finance on Monday, 10 May 2021. The meeting held at the Department's headquarters in Polokwane was aimed at congratulating the officials (both from Municipal Finance and Municipal Performance Monitoring & Evaluation) for the execution of a sterling work to support municipalities. Speaking during the meeting, MEC Makamu said: "I am the one who specifically requested the HOD's Office to organize this session because I have realised that it is important for us to meet so I can personally express my gratitude to you for the outstanding work you are doing in municipalities. The Local Government sphere in our country is critical in our government's commitment to provide adequate services to our people. It is the mechanism that drives the improvement of social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability for our people. It brings me great pleasure today to congratulate you for the work that you have done in bringing our municipalities a giant leap closer to attaining all round healthy audit outcomes. It is on the basis of your hard work that we have witnessed a significant improvement of audit outcomes in municipalities, with only 1 adverse and no disclaimer in the Province. The number of unqualified audit outcomes has increased tremendously".

The HOD for the Department, Ms Ngaka Dumalisile also shared the MEC's sentiments and congratulated the team for the sterling work. "I am proud of you. The undivided commitment you give to your work is acknowledged and appreciated. You really are public servants of a special kind, a special breed of public servants who do not just do the ordinary, but are willing and prepared to go beyond the call of duty in discharging their work. We are here to say thank you, for carrying out your work in ways that demonstrate honesty, loyalty, creativity and innovativeness".

The session also offered the team and opportunity to interact with the MEC and share challenges they come across in their line of duty.