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DEPARTMENT OF
**CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Media Statement.
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CoGHSTA CONCLUDES THE PROCESS OF SWEARING IN TRADITIONAL COUNCILS IN ALL DISTRICTS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) plans to conclude the swearing-in of 141 constituted Traditional Councils in the current financial year. The rollout plan commenced in October 2025 in the Capricorn District and has been running throughout the province with the process now focusing on the Sekhukhune District.

MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr. Basikopo Makamu has welcomed the swearing-in of new Traditional Council members and described this as yet another demonstration of the department's commitment to supporting the Institution of Traditional Leadership.

To date, a total number of 110 Traditional Councils have been sworn in, broken down per district as follows:

- 38 in Sekhukhune,
- 18 in Capricorn,
- 6 in Waterberg,
- 13 in Mopani a
- 35 in Vhembe.

Serving for a term in their respective Traditional Councils, the members' duties entail the following:

- Administering the affairs of the traditional or Khoi-San community in accordance with customs and tradition.
- Assisting, supporting, and guiding Traditional and Khoi-San leaders in the performance of their functions.
- Supporting municipalities in the identification of community needs.
- Facilitating the involvement of the Traditional or Khoi-San community in the development or amendment of the integrated development plan of a municipality in whose area that community resides.

- Recommending, after consultation with the relevant local and provincial houses, appropriate interventions to government that will contribute to development and service delivery within the area of jurisdiction of the traditional council or within the municipal area where the administrative seat of the Khoi-San council is.
- Participating in the development of policy and legislation at a municipal level.
- Promoting the ideals of co-operative governance, integrated development planning, sustainable development, and service delivery.
- Promoting indigenous knowledge systems for sustainable development and disaster management.
- Alerting any relevant municipality to any hazard or calamity and contributing to disaster management in general.
- Sharing information and co-operating with other traditional and Khoi-San councils; and
- Performing the functions conferred by customary law, customs, and statutory law consistent with the Constitution.

“I take full pride on behalf of the Limpopo Provincial Government and CoGHSTA to congratulate and make constituted Traditional Council Members aware that their swearing-in is a covenant they make with the people they will serve”, said MEC Makamu.

The MEC also congratulated all the members who have been sworn in and wished them well in their new responsibilities. “By taking the oath, you made a solemn promise to perform your duties of the Office faithfully and to the best of your ability. Let us join hands and work together for the benefit of our communities”.

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