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

Media Statement.

To All Media Houses.

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CoGHSTA optimistic about the process of swearing in of Traditional Councils in all Districts.

The Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) is confident that the swearing in of newly constituted Traditional Councils will be concluded soon. The rollout plan commenced on the 14th of October in Polokwane, in the Capricorn District and will continue to run throughout the province in the coming months, with the process now focusing on the Waterberg District.

MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr. Basikopo Makamu welcomed the swearing in of new Traditional Council members and described this a yet another demonstration of the department's commitment in supporting institutions of traditional leadership.

"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 Department conducted induction workshops for newly elected members of the traditional councils during the period 17-21 March 2025, in all 5 districts. The purpose of the induction was to workshop members on their functions, roles, and responsibilities.

Four topics were covered:

- Functions of traditional councils.
- Roles of traditional councils in corporative governance and disaster management.
- Establishment, implementation, and monitoring of partnership agreements in traditional communities.
- Code of conduct for members of traditional councils.

The Department was able to constitute the majority of traditional councils in all districts. The province has 203 Traditional Councils with 168 recognized Senior Traditional Leaders. A total of 141 could be constituted as per the provisions of the Traditional and Khoisan Leadership Act. Reconstitution will take place as and when disputes and related challenges are resolved for the remaining councils. The department reiterates its call on members of the public to refrain from involving themselves in traditional leadership disputes, as this is the solemn responsibility and competence of the royal families.

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