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Regaining communities' trust in government top on Premier Mokgoro's agenda

Mahikeng – The newly elected Premier of the North West Premier, Prof Tebogo Job Mokgoro has vowed to reduce the trust deficit between the people of the North West Province and government, saying his administration will purposely prioritise concerns relating to insufficient and ineffective delivery of services, waste of public resources, corruption and poor leadership amongst others.

Premier Mokgoro said this today following his election as Premier of the North West Province during a session which was presided over by the North West High Court Judge President Justice Monica Leeuw. The election and swearing-in was held at the North West Provincial Legislature in Mahikeng.

“As we recognise the urgent need to develop and sustain a culture of good ethical and moral values within the public service, we also acknowledge that the cost to society associated with unethical conduct in government is enormously huge. It therefore remains our collective responsibility to correct the shortcomings as identified across the provincial government, and commit to working tirelessly to restore stability and certainty in the our province”, highlighted Premier Mokgoro who added that his administration will also deal with service delivery issues raised in the Inter-Ministerial Task Team report, with special focus on the province's municipalities.

Urging public servants to embrace and commit to the principle of “Roma Nna” as advocated by President Cyril Ramaphosa, Premier Mokgoro warned public servants

against all acts of misconduct such as loitering and not showing up for work, emphatically stating that “the party is over”.

Mokgoro cautioned those responsible for ensuring consequence management and consistently failing to do so, saying they are as guilty as the perpetrators themselves.

Premier Mokgoro said while his administration will evaluate the five concretes which the 5th administration conceived in 2015, this will not be intended at discontinuing them, saying the concretes are still relevant as they were contextualised within the National Development Plan framework.

“Let us ensure that during the remaining eleven months of this 5th Parliament, we do not continue to be a bunch of elites whose goal is nothing but self-enrichment. Occupying a position of leadership is no opportunity for self-enrichment; the needs of the people of this province are greater than an individual’s interest”, reiterated Premier Mokgoro.

Premier Mokgoro also called on communities to guard against vandalising public buildings such as schools during their service delivery protests, saying they should instead protect and take pride in these properties for future generations, and to never overlook the cleanliness of their environment.

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