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Minister applauds the Department for launching Moses Kotane Municipal Excellence Awards

Rustenburg: Minister Desmond Van Rooyen has applauded the Local Government and Human Settlements for the introduction of the Moses Kotane Municipal Excellence Awards saying its initiative that might trigger the much needed good performance from municipalities.

Minister Des Van Rooyen was speaking during the launch of the Moses Kotane Municipal Excellence Awards which are aimed at recognising good performance and awarding innovations as well as good practices in municipalities.

“There are municipalities in the province which have been doing great at national level in the previous VUNA Awards but their performance has since declined. You need to look into the root cause of your poor performance, rectify mistakes and become better municipalities. The launch of these awards gives you the opportunity to prepare and be part of the municipalities which will be receiving awards, come next year” said Van Rooyen.

Premier Supra Mahumapelo who was part of the launch believed the awards provides a feedback mechanism that each municipality can use to assess its performance, improve the quality of life through the delivery of quality services to communities and adopt a radical socio economic programme by committing to the Rebranding, Repositioning and Renewal of the province and the five concretes as introduced by the fifth administration.

About six municipalities in the province which were awarded by Chartered Institute of Governance Finance Audit and Risk Officers for the improved performance in Audit Outcomes and Risk Management last year were the first recipients of Moses Kotane Excellence Awards.

One of the recipients of the awards is Mayor of Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality Kereng Mothoagae. Mayor Mothoagae believes the interventions by provincial treasury went a long way in rectifying problems in the financial systems within the municipality. “We inherited a

municipality that which had four to five year of disclaimers hence we received the improved performance in audit outcomes and risk management. It is really encouraging us to push even harder and improve usage of municipal finance. We are now going to fill all important senior managers positions with skilled personnel who should add some value to the municipality” remarked Mayor Mothoagae.

MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Galaletsang Gaolaolwe concluded that the “The awards are designed not only to reward the best performing municipalities and municipal representatives in a given year, but also to inspire others that are battling with various challenges, to overcome them and set an example through exceptional performance in the delivery of services to the communities in Bokone Bophirima”.

The Department used the summit to launch the second phase of Back to Basics - B2B Programme entitled B2B 10 Point Plan. Bokone Bophirima Premier Supra Mahumapelo, Minister Des van Rooyen, MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Galaletsang Gaolaolwe and Mayors, signed the Back to Basics Pledge and committed to implement the second phase of Back to Basics Programme.

PICTURES

PIC 1: Minister of COGTA Des an Rooyen and other stakeholders signing a pledge and committing to implement Back to Basics Programme

PIC 2: Minster Des van Rooyen, Premier Supra Mahumapelo; MEC Galaletsang Gaolaolwe and Mayors who are the first recipients of Moses Kotane Municipal Excellence Awards.

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