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Editor's Note

Welcome to the final issue of Molaetsa newsletter for the 2024/2025 financial year. It is the end of the financial year, and we bring you a copy loaded with information from the budget to IDP community consultations. Speaking of community consultations, did you know that municipalities are mandated by the Constitution to consult and involve communities in matters that affect them? That is why, during April, municipalities are always out in communities to solicit their views and inputs into the IDP to prepare for adoption and approval by various councils. On this issue, we bring you coverage of activities such as the Tourism Indaba, the district development model engagements, and the IDP Lekgotla. It remains important to bring our communities up to date with what is taking place in our municipalities. The communications unit continues to provide support to our political and administrative units of the municipality as we look forward to the new financial year.

Happy reading!

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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (IDP)

Local government legislation calls for an inclusive and participatory governance, indicating that communities should be afforded an opportunity to raise their views and participate in matters that affect them. This is done through community consultative meetings under the integrated development plan. The district municipality under the guidance of the political administration convened the IDP Lekgotla on the 27th May 2025. This Lekgotla took place after the review of the 1998 white paper on local government which set to reform local government, to drive municipalities to be financially viable and accelerate socio-economic development. Part of the discussions included community engagements, emphasising on not neglecting communities especially when coming to delivery of basic services. The IDP Lekgotla serves as a planning forum by the district municipality under the District Development Model, a model which addresses silos in planning, budgeting and implementation and also maximises impact and align plans as well as resources.

When officially opening and welcoming the stakeholders, the Executive Mayor, Queen Mogatle- Thoane called upon the stakeholders to engage on critical issues relating to how they can better services, expedite implementation of projects to create space for investment. The Mayor also emphasised a local government that is development-oriented. The district municipality has completed the review of sector plans and the spatial development framework. This includes a spatial vision aligned to the IDP and District One Plan. The elements of the vision are underpinned by:

- People Development
- Economic Positioning
- Spatial Restructuring and environmental
- Infrastructure engineering and service provision
- Institution and governance



**MR. KLAAS TEISE-MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF JOHN TAOL
GAETSEWE DM**



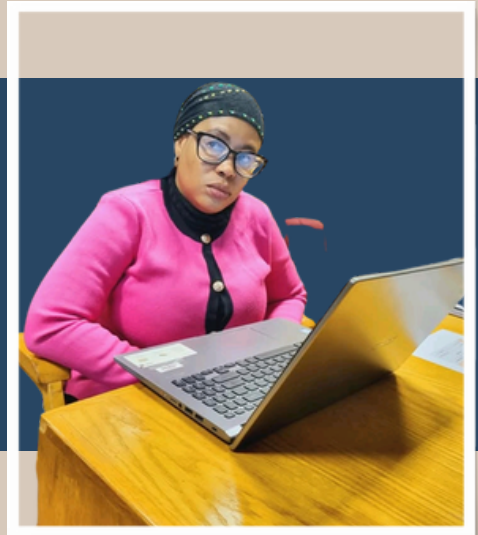
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GONYANA LM**

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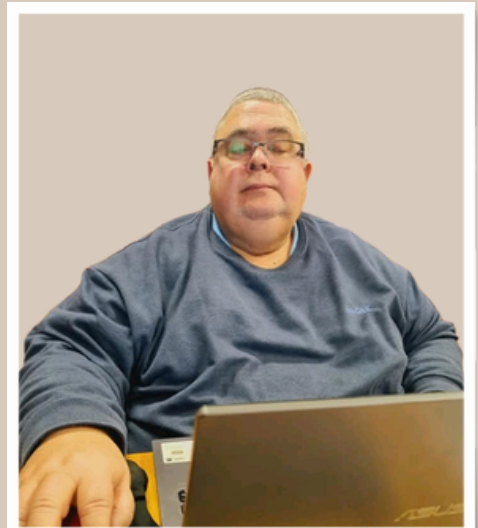
Lead from the point of knowing so that you can impart the knowledge to communities, was the key message from the Executive Mayor. She also mentioned that the biggest challenges in the district still are plight of the poor, high level of unemployment, demand for a high-level health care facility, increasing population, misaligned plans, poor conditions of infrastructure and services and dependence on social grants. The Executive Mayor called for improved quality of life of all residents, particularly the most vulnerable to continuously engage on critical issues relating to how we can better services.

Dr. Gerrie van der Westhuizen closed the lekgotla and reminded the stakeholders that the IDP, MFMA, Systems Act and other legislation are compliance legislations and municipalities should ensure that IDPs are adopted at councils by end of May, that alignment of plans including SDF, DDM are incorporated into the IDP. The district municipality has circulated a review of the district one plan for inputs from stakeholders. He also stressed the importance of re-planning, oversight processes and monitoring of progress. "Municipalities are obliged to work in cooperative governance manner, to help one another as a collective" concluded Dr. v/d Westhuizen.

The Speaker of Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality also appreciated the opportunity to attend the lekgotla, she raised concerns regarding the non-attendance of sector departments not only in the lekgotla but in IDP consultative meetings and pleaded with the district to ensure that the plans of the district are in alignment with the local municipalities' ones.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR



**DR. GERRIE VAN DER
WESTHUIZEN**



**THE SPEAKER OF GA-
SEGONYANA LM**



DEPUTY MINISTER ALVIN BOTES VISITS JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE ON DDM AGENDA



Coordination, planning and implementation were some of the remarks made by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Alvin Botes, on his inaugural District Development Model (DDM) engagement in the John Taolo Gaetsewe district. Honourable Botes takes over from former District Champion Dr. Reginah Mhaule as the new DDM Champion for the John Taolo district. The engagement was held on the 30th June 2025.



Present in the meeting were the Chief Whip of the National Council of Provinces, Kenny Mmoiemang and the Deputy Minister of COGTA, Burns Ncamashe, who gave a political overview on the responsibilities of local government and the importance of implementing the DDM deliverables. The engagement was also attended by the mayors of Ga-Segonyana and Joe Morolong local municipalities, Neo Masegela and Dineo Leutlwetse-Tshabalala, respectively, senior managers from national and provincial departments, municipalities and traditional leaders.

When welcoming the Deputy Ministers, Kgosi Kgolo Tumo Jantjie expressed their appreciation for the invitation and reiterated their support for all development initiatives undertaken by the government

He assured the Deputy Minister that traditional leaders also wish to see education, skills development and employment taking priority and to give equal status to all stakeholders.

DDM AGENDA

Supporting the vision of the DDM, the MEC of Education, Abraham Vosloo, the Provincial Champion outlined the province's vision of industrialisation, acceleration of implementation, address unemployment and move the province towards the provincial growth strategy of a modern, growing and successful province that will be able to create jobs and work in close collaboration with all sectors.

The Deputy Minister, Alvin Botes, appreciated and welcomed his responsibilities and called for discipline from councillors to ensure that the DDM becomes efficient. The Deputy Minister reiterated his responsibilities of supporting municipalities to improve collaboration, provide strategic guidance to facilitate district-wide one plan and promote transparency. He called on municipalities to drive social labour plans that will bring change in the lives of people, and to work closely with traditional leaders. He also encouraged municipalities to take stock of challenges, especially infrastructure challenges, and he promised that the government would not under deliver on its promises.

The framework for implementation is being reviewed at the national level, and the quarterly reporting template was presented by Mr. Mogale from COGTA. The Municipal Manager. Mr. Klaas Teise presented the DDM progress report with a specific focus on the catalytic projects or high-impact projects that are still at the feasibility study stage. The district is hopeful that there will be capital investment for the identified projects.



QUARTERLY DDM MEETING

The meeting was held in the district on Wednesday, 7 May 2025. Championed and chaired by the Municipal Manager of the municipality, Mr. Klaas Teise, meeting and coordination among various governmental departments, private entities such as the mines as well as investment stakeholder that have keen interest in development Taolo Gaetsewe to enhance service delivery and address key issues affecting our district.



MR. KLAAS TEISE-MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Local Municipalities under the JTGDM participate in the IGR Meetings as per the Intergovernmental Relations Act (IGR Act), which came into effect in 2005. The act establishes a framework for intergovernmental relations among national, provincial, and local facilitate cooperation and coordination between these levels of government and provides resolving intergovernmental disputes.

This meeting focused on the presentation of sector departmental reports on progress made on key catalytic projects that are currently underway, and some concluded in the district for the 2024-25 financial year. A concerted effort to synergise planning will ensure that the key pillars of the District Development Model (DDM) are put to work as act as a framework that seeks to improve service delivery and socio-economic development by aligning the three spheres of government at the district level.

The chairperson of the meeting, and municipal manager of the district municipality, said, "I appreciate the robust engagements and deliberations this meeting has yielded". The continued public-private partnerships I see in the district, in all local authorities, are appreciated and surely will continue to assist with working together to achieve more. Working in silos is one of our major challenges and this IGR platform allows for one hand to know what the other one is doing, both in public and private entities with the district."

Key Discussions and Objectives

Present at the meeting were the Provincial Department of Cooperative Government, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) and South African Local Government Association (SALGA) as participants in the structure on a support, advisory, and lobby basis. Mr. Dibandlela Nkume from SALGA presented on the role of communications which is often over looked. His presentation covered various aspects including budget for communication functions, support for community radio stations, content creation and negative reporting of municipalities and sector departments. He also commended the work and support given to the district by SALGA, COGHSTA and Office of the Premier. The collective resolved to ensuring that there is alignment in advancing the District Development Model (DDM), intergovernmental collaboration in the district, coherent planning and implementation, “one plan” approach, improved service delivery, capacity building, monitoring, and evaluation.



**MR. DIBANDLELA NKUME-
SALGA**



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WORKS**



**MS. COCEKA SMOUS- SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

NORTHERN CAPE LAUNCHES HISTORIC CLOSE THE GAP HIV CAMPAIGN

The Northern Cape Department of Health officially launched its ambitious Close the Gap HIV Treatment Campaign at Wrenchville Community Hall, marking a significant step in the province's fight against HIV. Spearheaded by MEC Maruping Lekwene, the campaign aimed to link 16,872 individuals to life-saving HIV treatment by December 2025.

With 105,342 people living with HIV in the province, only 78,013 had been receiving treatment. The initiative focused on ensuring that the 16,872 individuals who had been diagnosed but were not yet on treatment could access care. The John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) District led the statistics, with 6,159 people needing urgent medical intervention.



MEC MR MARUPING LEKWENE

To break barriers to treatment accessibility, the province introduced Smart "Collect & Go Lockers, officially launched at the Jan Witbooi Clinic. This innovation allowed patients to collect medication 24/7, ensuring that working individuals no longer had to miss work to receive their prescriptions.

The campaign adopted a four-pillar strategy to strengthen healthcare outcomes:

- 1. Increased HIV Testing
- 2. Treatment Linkage (Ensuring 95% of newly diagnosed individuals start treatment)
- 3. Retention in Care
- 4. Stigma Reduction

During the launch, MEC Lekwene emphasized the significance of each individual linked to treatment, stating: "Every person linked to treatment represents a lifesaver, a family supported, and a community strengthened."

The campaign underscored the importance of removing stigma and ensuring that people living with HIV felt empowered to seek treatment. By combining innovative healthcare solutions with proactive community engagement, the Northern Cape took a firm stand in its commitment to saving lives and leaving no one behind.



COLLECT & GO SMART LOCKER

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NORTHERN CAPE DELEGATION SHOWCASES REGIONAL TOURISM AT AFRICA'S TRAVEL INDABA 2025



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Africa's Travel Indaba 2025 reaffirmed the Northern Cape's commitment to celebrating heritage, fostering strategic partnerships, and advancing tourism-inviting the world to discover its distinctive cultural and natural treasure

The annual Africa's Travel Indaba 2025 was hosted at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban, running for two days from 13–15 May 2025. Recognized as one of Africa's premier tourism trade shows, the event provided a vital platform for African tourism exhibitors to present their offerings to local and international buyers, destination marketing companies, and leisure tourism service providers.

The Northern Cape delegation made a strong appearance at the event, demonstrating the region's commitment to promoting its tourism potential and economic opportunities. The delegation included key representatives, such as Ms. Nompumelelo Mpata, Board Chairperson of the Northern Cape Economic Development Agency, alongside Queen Mogatle-Thoane, Executive Mayor of the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, as well as municipal councillors specializing in Planning and Development.

Senior officials from the Department of Economic Development & Tourism joined the delegation, together with municipal leaders from the Frances Baard District Municipality, and representatives from local economic development and tourism units within Joe Morolong, Ga- Segonyana, and John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipalities. Their presence connects with potential business partners. The Northern Cape delegation utilized this opportunity to engage with industry stakeholders, highlighting the region's distinct attractions, tourism initiatives, and investment prospects.



AFRICA'S TRAVEL INDABA



As the event concluded on 15 May 2025, the presence of the Northern Cape delegation reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing the province's tourism economy, fostering partnerships, and celebrating African creativity and enterprise on a global stage. Emphasized the province's focus on collaboration, investment, and tourism sector growth.

Beyond governmental representatives, the delegation proudly showcased local crafters and artists, who attended as ambassadors of the Northern Cape's rich cultural heritage. These talented individuals, representing Gamagara, Ga-Segonyana, and Joe Morolong Local Municipalities, exhibited handcrafted artworks and artisanal products, contributing to the diversity and authenticity of Africa's tourism.

DIKOPANO TSA MORAFE



Masepala wa sedika o tshwaragane le wa selegae wa Joe Morolong ba ile ba tsenela dikopano tsa morafe tsa lenaneo le le tlhakanetsweng la ditlhabololo

Dikopano tseno di ne di tshwaretswe ko metseng ya Lebonkeng, Maseohatshe, Kampaneng, Madularanch le Masilabetsane. Dikopano di ne di eteletswa pele ke mmusakgotla Violet Jordan le balekgotla ba sedika le ba selegae go akaretsa bakaedi le badiri ba bo masepala. Lenaneo leno ke nngwe ya ditoga maano a bo masepala go kopana le go akeretsa baagi go ba itsise ka ditlhabologo tseo ba ikaelelang go di dira, diporojeke di akaretsa ditsela, metsi, kgeleloleswe, didiriswa tsa metshameko le dikago tsa dikopano tsa morafe (community halls).





Rre Tlhomelang Matlhare wa sedika sa John Taolo o ne a tlhagisa leano la go tsenya tirisong ditlhwatlhwa tsa ditirelo tsa go lekola dikolo, dikokelo, dikgolegelo, mafelo a baswi, mabenkele, go rebolwa ga lekwalo/boshupi jwa go lekola mabenkele (certificate of acceptability), diteko tsa metsi, go rupelela batho ba ba rekisang kana go bereka ka dijo le ditirelo tsotlhe tse di amanang le ditirelo tsa pholo tsa bomasepala.

Ditirelo tseno tsotlhe di tla tsenngwa tirisong go tloga ka di 01 Phukwi 2025. Masepala wa sedika o tlhagisitse fa masepala o itlhaganegisa porojeke ya kago kgotsa go atolosa bookelo jwa Kuruman, kago ya setheo se se golwana sa thuto (TVET College), kago ya ditirelo tsa tshoganyetso le matlhotlhaapelo (disaster centre).

KOPANO KAGA DITLHABOLOLO TSA METSE

Baagi ba ne ba tlhagisa matshwenyego a bone a tshwana le ditsela, ditiro, kokelwana, borogo, lefatshe la go lema, dikolo le botlhokatiro.

Masepala wa Joe Morolong o kaile gore ga ba ikarabele mo ditirelong tsotlhe ko

mafapheng a a amegang. Masepala o ile a leboga baagi mme ba ba rotloetsa go tswelala go tsenela dikopano tsa puso le go tsaya karolo mo dilong tse di ba amang jaaka go ikwadisetsa go tlhopa kgotsa go vouta gonne seo se thusa go oketsa dithuso go tswa kwa pusong bosetshaba.



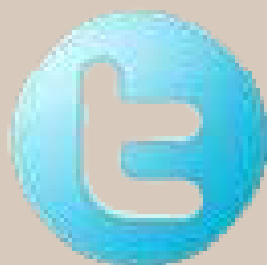
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