

**External Communications Unit
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To : All media
Attention : News Editors & Journalists
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For the attention of all media houses**Sedibeng municipalities emerge from the Joint Mayoral Lekgotla united**

The local municipalities in Sedibeng and the Sedibeng District Municipality held their scheduled Mayoral District Wide Lekgotla from the 19th to 21st September 2011. This type of Lekgotla comes once in five (5) years and becomes a platform for festival of ideas by all Mayoral Committees in the Sedibeng District Municipality with an objective of chatting a way forward in the current term of office in converting all ideas into properly aligned programmes.

The Lekgotla considered addresses from the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng and the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs: Mr. Yunus Carrim. In addition, presentations were done by the Office of the MEC for Local Government & Housing on Global City Region Concept which was expected to assist the Lekgotla discussions on the Sedibeng Regional Single Authority and on the President / Premier's Hotline by the Office of the Gauteng Premier: Ms Nomvula Mokonyane.

Among the key important areas, the Lekgotla considered the following as its objectives:

- Review progress made towards achievement of the previous District-wide Strategic Plan (Bela-Bela resolutions);
- Develop new strategies and plans to inform the IDP for all our municipalities;
- Obtain input on National and Provincial planning perspectives and the implications on our region;
- Review and develop a high level regional perspective on the municipal demarcation process;
- Craft a new vision for the Sedibeng region that will inform its positioning, planning, set a collective service delivery plan and governance perspective;
- To consider the future of Gauteng Province and its impact on the Sedibeng municipalities;;
- To lay a foundation for the Sedibeng Growth & Development Strategy which must be completed by the end of December 2011 and should inform our four / five Integrated Development Plans; and
- To ensure that our municipalities sing from the same hymn book when it came to service delivery pronouncements and plans

The Lekgotla deliberations were concluded by resolutions meant to ensure holistic and integrated regional development programs that seek to mainstream and enhance participation and empower our people, through a people-centered approach which is responsive and gender inclusive.



The implementation of these resolutions by the various municipalities comprising the Sedibeng District Municipality will improve the quality of services we render.

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