



“Towards a Modern, Growing, and Successful Northern Cape”

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INTRODUCTION

The Northern Cape Provincial Executive Council convened its normal meeting virtually on 28th July 2021. The meeting was held whilst the country was dealing with the effects of the looting which took place in Kwazulu-Natal and Gauteng. Premier Dr. Zamani Saul in his welcoming input remarked that it was disappointing that when people the world over celebrated and commemorated the life and times of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela our country was subjected to violence, and looting by some who wanted to destabilize the state.

Exco expressed gratitude to the people of the Northern Cape for exercising restraint and caution for not engaging in acts of lawlessness during the period of chaos.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CRIME PREVENTION

In an attempt to foster an integrated approach at improving government planning, decision making and service delivery concerning social protection, community development, and crime prevention from a governance perspective, Exco approved the revised terms of reference of the cluster as presented.

NEW NATIS EQUIPMENT AND ROLL-OUT OF ONLINE SERVICES BY ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Exco was advised that the Road Management Corporation (RTMC) has developed an online client Registration platform to allow for citizens to register for their services electronically. Exco was of the view that this new development will contribute to greater efficiency in more ways than one.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN (NSP) ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVFM)

The express aim of the NSP on GBVF is to collectively respond to the crisis of violence against women, children, and the LGBTQIA persons in our country. In the main the said NSP is underpinned by and not limited to the following principles:

- A multi-sectoral approach
- A human rights-based, victim-centered, and survivor focused approach
- Inclusivity, embracing diversity and intersectionality

For the NSP to have practical meaning, Provincial Government has established a Provincial Task Team on GBV to harness and galvanize both support and resources across all multi-sectoral stakeholders to respond to this scourge on our society. Accordingly, Exco approved the Plan of action as the Northern Cape roadmap for implementation in the Province.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTHERN CAPE ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY PLAN

After the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, a state of disaster was declared with the economy being adversely affecting resulting in loss of lives and employment. As part of the Provincial Governments' response to the devastating effects of the pandemic, the Provincial Government developed the Northern Cape Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan which is aligned to the National plan. The said plan, in the main, sets out interventions aimed at rejuvenating the provincial economy while creating much-needed jobs and addressing the social impact of COVID-19.

In noting the progress made thus far, Exco approved that municipalities be engaged and assisted with their Municipal Economic Recovery Plans whilst simultaneously lobbying the private sector to invest in certain recovery interventions.

PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MODEL (DDM)

In an endeavour to promote integrated planning and delivery across the three spheres of government, the government introduced the DDM in 2019. In noting the progress made thus far on the implementation of the DDM's in the Northern Cape, Exco directed Provincial sector departments to submit names of dedicated officials for each district to oversee the DDM process and provide perspectives on the status as well as commitments regarding key projects that will contribute to the achievement of the desired outcomes.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Exco noted that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the various measures that have been put in place to ensure that learning and teaching continue unabated. Exco noted that 25 Primary schools had been provided with 42 mobile classrooms to ensure that we comply with COVID 19 protocols.

Provision has been made for schools with water tanks with the assistance of municipalities, water boards, and contractors. Exco also noted the extension of the contracts for COVID-19 screeners at schools.

Since the dawn of our constitutional democracy, August is commemorated and celebrated as Women's month with the 09 August being earmarked as the main day in marking the significant contribution that women of our country have made to our freedom and liberation from apartheid tyranny.

As the current year marks the 150th birthday anniversary of struggle icon and human rights activists Charlotte Maxeke, the theme for Women's Month 2021 is: 'The year of Charlotte Mannya Maxeke: Realizing Women's Equality'

The Provincial event on the 09 August will be held in the form of hybrid interactive session where Provincial Government will be honouring our living legend Ouma Katrienna Esau. Premier Dr. Zamani Saul will be the keynote speaker at the main event which will take place in Upington.

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