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MEC KGOSIENTSHO RAMOKGOPA HOLDS FIRST POLITICAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS FORUM WITH MMCs OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES

The MEC for Economic Development, Agriculture and Environment, Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa held his first Inter-governmental relations (IGR) forum yesterday, 20 August 2019, with all MMCs aligned to the portfolio of Economic Development, Agriculture and Environment. The role of the IGR forum is to coordinate and facilitate planning between local and provincial government, align strategic performance priorities and find synergy on any other matters of strategic importance that affect the interest of local government in the province.

Both the constitution (section 154) and the Intergovernmental Relations Act make it possible to promote relations between the different spheres of government. Maximising cooperative governance allows the state to deliver services to the residents of Gauteng effectively.

In the opening address to the IGR forum the MEC Ramokgopa said “The 6th administration has put together a set of plans to grow the Gauteng economy and improve the quality of life of the people of Gauteng, however, to unlock the full potential of some of these projects we need the full support and cooperation of our municipalities.”

While outlining the plans of the 6th administration the MEC emphasised the bias to channeling development towards the West of Gauteng and the Sedibeng Region, in elaborating this point the MEC said; “The smaller municipalities need not worry about the capacity they do not have, we will disaggregate the capacity we do have and make sure those municipalities get support.”

In concluding the meeting, Dr. Ramokgopa made a commitment to visit the various MMCs in their respective municipalities to tighten the collaborations through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement.

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