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Partnership between government spheres key in rolling out serviced stands

The MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa has emphasised the importance of cooperation between government spheres in the rolling out of serviced stands.

Speaking at the Ekurhuleni Regional Summit, Moiloa said the Department was working with colleagues in the Executive Council, municipalities and partners to identify land in the ownership of the state and private sector.

“This is to ensure that a rapid realisation of the Premier and Executive Council’s commitment to ensuring that those who qualify and need serviced land to build their own houses should be given an opportunity to do so,” he said.

Moiloa said that the process of real restitution of land to the dispossessed has begun in earnest and soon society will all see decisive action to expropriate the land without compensation for public interest and the greater welfare of society.

“Furthermore, the GPG has taken a stance to ensure that ten percent of the Human Settlements Development Grant is to be implemented through Alternative Building Technologies (ABT) starting from this financial year. This initiative is part of the GPG’s TMR strategy of human settlements and the overall built environment,” said the MEC.

MMC for Human Settlements in the City of Ekurhuleni Lesiba Mpya said that the municipality had declared that 30 percent of each human settlement project must have alternative building technology.

Mpya said that government had to ensure that within the next two years, everyone who had applied for house in the 1996 and 1997 has received a house.

“In Gauteng we must clean the backlog. When we say we have a waiting list, it must start beyond year 2000,” he said.

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