

DATE: 26 April 2018

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CC: Speaker: Cllr Mandla Msibi

Dear Cllr Mathonsi

**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2018 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK
8TH – 10TH MAY 2018**

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) in partnership with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) will host the annual NCOP Local Government Week from the 8th – 10th of May 2018.

The aim of the Local Government Week is primarily the advancement of South Africa's constitutional intent to accelerate meaningful decentralisation towards a truly developmental local governance system. The week is set aside for both local government and the legislative sector, led by the NCOP, to allow a focussed attention on the challenges confronting local government and address all critical legislative gaps that negatively impact service delivery as well as promoting encroachment on the constitutional and institutional integrity of local government.

The objectives of the NCOP Local Government Week as stated below are;

- i. To facilitate dialogue on local government issues and foster a common understanding on the challenges at hand, as well as to propose short – medium to long – term systemic and/or legislative solutions;
- ii. To showcase general and innovative good practices as part of knowledge sharing;
- iii. To assess the adequacy of the support and intervention framework from national and provincial government, as envisaged by the Constitution thus introduce a mechanism that within a differentiated environment guarantees relative uniformity; and
- iv. Review relevant legislation affecting local government.

The overarching theme for the 2018 NCOP Local Government Week is “**Land Use: Towards Integrated Spatial Planning**”. Related to this theme are three thematic focus areas which will guide the focus of the deliberations and therefore the intended outcome;

- a) **Municipal infrastructure:** Integrated Spatial Planning and the provision of services
- b) **Municipal Support and Intervention Framework:** Intervention and Monitoring
- c) **Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Review:** Fiscal allocation for the developmental Local Government

SALGA together with the NCOP requests either the Honourable Speaker or Executive Mayor to attend to participate in the deliberation and all other activities during the course of the three days.

For any enquires, do not hesitate to contact Mr Sonwabo Gqegqe Acting Executive Manager Parliamentary Affairs Tel: 012 369 8000, cell phone number 060 828 8329 and/or via e mail on sgqegqe@salga.org.za. For confirmation of attendance, please contact Ms Janine Van Niekerk Parliamentary Support Services on 021 446 9800, cell phone 079 497 6855 and/or jvniekerk@salga.org.za.



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