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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **MEC Molapisi launches Human Settlements MUNIMEC to Strengthen Collaboration and Tackle Housing Challenges**

Rustenburg - MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), Gaoage Oageng Molapisi officially launched the Human Settlements MUNIMEC for the 7th Administration at Rustenburg.

Addressing the launch MEC Molapisi highlighted that “MUNIMEC forum is established in line with intergovernmental relations framework, and will sit on a quarterly basis as an important platform for the provincial department and local government to share information and discuss challenges confronting the sector”.

Key objectives of the MuniMEC include:

- Strengthening Coordination: Aligning Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) and Spatial Development Frameworks (SDFs) under the District Development Model
- Unblocking Delivery Obstacles: Addressing issues like land acquisition, delayed project approvals, and infrastructure backlogs.
- Assigning Responsibilities with Timeframes: Ensuring action-oriented outcomes with clear accountability
- Fostering Innovation and Partnerships: Engaging private sector partners, exploring alternative building technologies, and promoting municipal collaboration

According to Molapisi the “MUNIMEC will further assist in coordinating other important issues in the human settlements sector such as water, electricity and sanitation, and also keep community leaders updated on plans and challenges relating to the department”.

The meeting convened by the MEC was attended by Executive Mayors and Mayors, Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs), Municipal Managers and other stakeholders within the human settlements value chain.

MEC Molapisi also acknowledged fiscal and operational challenges, including budget cuts, project delays, and misaligned planning between spheres of government. He called for honest engagement and greater oversight to ensure delivery targets are met.

The forum welcomed the reprioritisation of the department's budget wherein 80% will be allocated towards unblocking of blocked projects and multi-year projects ; and 20% allocated to new projects.

“Municipalities must ensure that there is alignment between planning and budget processes in identifying the needs of communities. We must use this forum to monitor and evaluate projects implemented in our local municipalities” concluded Molapisi.

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