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University of Witwatersrand provides training to Members of the Legislature

The Members of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature are set to benefit from the capacity building programme provided by the Legislative Sector of South Africa in partnership with the National School of Government and the University of Witwatersrand. Twelve members (12) members of the Legislature have been registered for a graduate certificate in Governance and Public Leadership an NQ level 7 certificate. Members have since (10 06.2015) received the orientation for the programme.

The Speaker of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, Ms Thandi Shongwe welcomed the capacity building programme saying since 2009 the National Speakers' Forum partnered with the PALAMA now National School of Government and Institutions of Higher Learning to develop and implement capacity building programmes for Members of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures.

The programmes were informed by the Training Needs Analysis conducted, and tailor-made from academic programmes to meet the professional development needs of Members.

The Legislative Sector Capacity Building Framework was developed and implemented between 2010 and 2014.

"Parliament and Provincial Legislatures under the banner of the Speakers Forum offers training and development opportunities to Members of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures," said the Speaker Shongwe.

Speaker Shongwe said: "The overall purpose of the programmes is to enhance the performance of legislators in order to be able to execute their constitutional responsibilities through a professional development programme anchored in the core functions of the legislature and the role and responsibilities of Members whilst providing access to academic opportunities".

She cautioned members of the Legislature that they will be treated as students and not as MPL's and she encouraged members to be dedicated and committed to their studies in order to obtain positive results.

"Education is important because it gives knowledge, lead to career progression, builds character, lead enlightenment and helps a nation progress," said Speaker Shongwe.

She appreciated that four members of the opposition party will attend the training for Members of the Legislatures.

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