

# MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

## MEDIA STATEMENT

TO ALL NEWS EDITORS

11 September 2017

### TAKING THE LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE (TLP)

It is all systems go for the programme of “Taking the Legislature to the People” that is taking place from today at Mzinoni Stadium under Govan Mbeki Local Municipality. This programme allows the Members of the Legislature an opportunity to visit and conduct oversight on various government funded projects. It also allows the Legislature to verify if these projects are performed as per the approved budgets of various government departments and that there is value for money. The TLP programme also gives an opportunity for a direct inter-action with the members of the public through the public hearings. The Legislature performs its oversight function on behalf of the people which makes it important that the work of the Legislature is conducted in an open manner accessible to the public.

Furthermore, above the oversight visits, the Legislature will also have stakeholder engagement sessions with various sectors under the Govan Mbeki Local Municipalities. These sectors will include amongst other; Elderly persons and People with Disabilities, Education, Agriculture and farming as well as local business sector which will have a round table discussion tackling job creation issues.

It is expected that all the Members of the Executive Council led by the Premier, Mr DD Mabuza as well as local councillors will be part of the various activities during the TLP.

### RELATION TO THE 20 YEARS OF THE CONSTITUTION

This year (2017) marks twenty years since the existence of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. The Constitution came into effect on 4 February 1997 as a result the legislative sector is celebrating the Constitution until March 2018. The Constitution guarantees and provides for protection of Human Rights.

It is for this reason that the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature deemed it necessary to call for the People’s Assembly that will be held at Mzinoni Stadium tomorrow (Tuesday) during the TLP week. This platform will allow citizens of the province to reflect on the Constitution of the Republic and on the achievements realized through it thus far.

The People’s Assembly will be preceded by the awareness march around Mzinoni Township against the scourge of violence directed at women and reminding each other that women’s rights are also Human Rights as protected by the Constitution.

The Legislature has invited the Public Protector Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane, to address the People’s Assembly.

The full TLP week programme is herewith attached.



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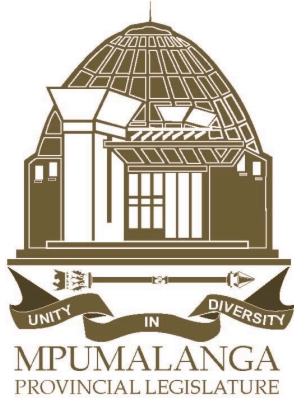
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Date	Activity	Venue
Monday, 11 September 2017	Members of the Legislature will do the political work	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality
Tuesday, 12 September 2017	Awareness March on violence Against Women and Children  People's Assembly on celebrating 20 years of the Constitution and the 20 years of the existence of the NCOP  <b>Social Transformation Cluster Committees</b> Oversight visits  <b>Economic Transformation Cluster Committees</b> Oversight visits	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality 08:00 -10:00  10:00 – 13:00  14:00  14:00
Wednesday, 13 September 2017	<b>Social Transformation Cluster Committees:</b> Oversight Visits  <b>Economic Transformation Cluster Committees:</b> Oversight Visits	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality <b>09:00 – until late</b>  Govan Mbeki Local Municipality <b>09:00 –until late</b>
Thursday, 14 September 2017	<b>Economic and Social Cluster : Public Hearing</b>  <b>Stakeholder engagements:</b> Agriculture and Farming sector; Local Business sector and Youth Sector	<b>Mzinoni Stadium</b> <b>09:00 – 12:30</b>  <b>14:00 -17:00</b>
Friday, 15 September 2017	Sitting of the Legislature : Closing address by the Premier	<b>Mzinoni Stadium</b> <b>10:00</b>

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