

# MPUMALANGA THE PLACE OF THE RISING SUN

12 Nov 2015 MEDIA STATEMENT

**The Executive Council yesterday [11 November 2015] held a special meeting to approve the proposed adjustment budget for the Mpumalanga Provincial Government.**

## **Proposed Adjustment for Mpumalanga Province**

1. The proposed adjustment budget will be tabled at the legislature on 20 November 2015.
2. The Executive Council further noted the proposed additions to the provincial fiscal framework and grants approval for the 2015/16 draft adjustment budgets.
3. Drought Disaster Assessment Report
4. The Executive Council considered the provincial state of disaster report presented by the provincial Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and approved the plan of action and a subsequent request for national intervention.
5. The South African Weather Services has indicated below normal rainfall in the past 12 months and predicted a below normal rainfall pattern for the country in the next 18-24 months.
6. Reports indicate that 14 municipalities are already severely affected by the drought conditions and that the trends are indicative of a protracted dry season well into 2016.
7. Consequently a number of households in Municipalities such as Chief Albert Luthuli, Msukaligwa, Mkhondo, Dr J.S. Moroka, Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme, Thembisile Hani, Dipaleseng, Govan Mbeki, Lekwa and to a lesser extent, Emakhazeni, Thaba Chweu, Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge and Umjindi shall experience severe water shortages for domestic consumption in the near future;
8. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs has already reported negative impact due to high temperatures and low rainfall, with the loss of grazing and livestock;
9. Adding to above is also the spreading of secondary diseases and the difficulty in sustaining livestock and crop production that is expected to have adverse effect on food security in the province.

## **Director-General's contract not renewed**

10. The Executive Council appreciated the good work done by the former provincial administration Director-General Dr Nonhlanhla Mkhize in the past three years of her term.
11. Dr Mkhize's three-year contract was due to end on 30 November 2015, it was however ended on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, after a mutual agreement between her and the employer.
12. The Executive Council has commended Dr Mkhize for uniting the provincial administration including the municipalities and wished her well on her future endeavours.
13. Meanwhile, the Deputy Director-General for Macro Policy and Planning in the Office of the Premier Mr Thulani Mdakane has been appointed the Acting Director-General.

## **Premier expected to return on Tuesday**

14. The Executive Council expressed some excitement on the good news that the Honourable Premier Mr David Mabuza is expected to return back to work on Tuesday, 17 November 2015, provided his doctors are fully satisfied with his condition.

## **Appointments**

15. Mr Musandiwa Justice Mudau – appointed Chief Financial Officer [Department of Education]

**ENDS...**

## **Issued by Mpumalanga Provincial Government**

### **Enquiries:**

**Zibonele Mncwango**

**(013) 766 - 2453**

**079 491 0163**

**zmncwango@mpg.gov.za**