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Mpumalanga Supply Chain Management Indaba to review practices



MEC Sikhumbuzo Eric Kholwane outlining plans for the upcoming Provincial Supply Chain Indaba

The Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury will host the Supply Chain Management (SCM) indaba later this year (2017).

The Indaba which will be held under the theme “Going back to Basics” is one of the commitments made by MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane when tabling the Policy and Budget of the Provincial Treasury in May 2017.

The SCM Indaba will seek to review practices and processes in the supply chain management environment, and further build intervention strategies to improve the public procurement systems.

The focus of the Indaba will be on assessing the impact of procurement systems on government and business, and to chart a way forward on province-specific interventions to enhance implementation of a public procurement policy in the Province.

“The Indaba will further serve as a platform to orientate the suppliers on the new Preferential Procurement Policy and Regulations, Government Nutrition model as well as our Social Enterprise Development Model, which all seeks to revolutionalise public sector procurement,” said MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane.



Mpumalanga and Free State Treasuries in discussion on how best they can implement procurement reforms

Provincial Treasury gears up

If you want to start a successful journey you must first ask those who have travelled it to avoid the challenges that they went through, said MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane.

Addressing a two day meeting of Treasury officials from Mpumalanga and Free State Province on Monday, 04 September 2017, MEC Kholwane emphasised the importance of learning from each other's experience to expedite the implementation of the procurement reforms in the public sector.

"Our Province is preparing to implement transversal term contracts as part of the procurement reforms. It is important, as we undertake this important policy assignment, to arm

ourselves with the necessary knowledge and experience to perfect the implementation process of transversal terms contracts, said MEC Kholwane.

He said the Provincial Treasury took a decision to stop-over in the Free State because it is one of the Provinces that started implementing the term contracts a few years ago.

"We have noted that Free State Province has walked this path before us. We are here to learn how you have done it, which items did you start with, the challenges that you went through, and importantly to exchange ideas on how best to respond to the dynamics of implementation of the current transversal term contracts in the

country, said MEC Kholwane.

Both the Members of Executive Council for Finance in Mpumalanga and Free State agree that the transversal term contracts must respond to the socio-economic development agenda in their Provinces.

"We share the sentiment that transversal term contracts must respond to the provinces' dynamics and the decision on the localisation of procurement opportunities," said Free State MEC Elzabe Rockman.

The Head Official of Provincial Treasury, Ms Bede Nkamba committed to ensure that the lessons learnt are incorporated in the current processes to speed up the implementation of the term contracts in the Province.



MEC Kholwane with Free State Provincial Treasury MEC Ms Elzabe Rockman

for transversal term contracts

In his policy and budget speech earlier this year, MEC Kholwane said the transversal term contracts will improve efficiency, secure value for money, and ensure that the province benefits from economies of scale.

The Provincial Treasury has so far concluded the analysis of existing contracts on the identified commodities such as cleaning material, stationery, toiletries, furniture as well as events management to give effect to this policy injunction that Premier DD Mabuza announced in his State of the Province Address in March 2017.



Head Official Ms Bede Nkamba with her counterpart from the Free State Provincial Treasury, Mr Mahlatsi

Economic Regulator Bill: A Milestone For Fiscal Consolidation Plan

The passing of Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER) Bill, 2017 is a major milestones in government's effort to improve governance and address duplication of functions which are amongst the sources of high wage bill, said MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane.

The MEC Bill which was approved by the Provincial Legislature in September 2017 will result in a merger of the governance structures of the Mpumalanga Gambling Board and Mpumalanga Liquor Authority.

Delivering the closing statement on the MER Bill during the sitting of the Provincial Legislature in Bethal, MEC Kholwane said the government introduced this legislation as part of 'our contribution to nationally agreed plan of promoting efficiencies and securing fiscal sustainability within the province.

'The decision of the government were influenced by many factors including a need to respond to the current economic and fiscal realities facing our country, and to deal holistically and simultaneously with the negative effects of both gambling and liquor use in the Province,' said MEC Kholwane.

He said the merger does not only confirm the province's commitment to the budget reprioritisation and fiscal consolidation programme, but seek to ensure that more resources are made available for service delivery needs of the people of Mpumalanga.

"The Bill does not change the current provisions of the liquor licensing and administration of gambling as contained in the Mpumalanga Liquor Licensing Act, 2006 and Mpumalanga Gambling Act, 1995 respectively.

"Instead, this Bill seeks to merge the governance of the two entities to ensure seamless regulatory environment and to reduce the cost of legislative compliance for businesses.

It is envisaged that the new entity will have a broader mandate that could include other economic activities in the Province. The Provincial Treasury is represented in the current board of the Mpumalanga Gambling Board by Adv. Vulani Baloyi.



MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane delivering the closing statement after the passing of the Mpumalanga Economic Regulator Bill in Bethal



Delegates listening attentively to the presentations during the Internal Audit and Risk Management Forum held at Graceland on the 14th September 2017

Assurance practitioners urged to defend good values

The Head Official of the Provincial Treasury Ms Nombedesho Nkamba urged all Internal Auditors and Risk Managers to be defenders of good values and excellence in their institutions.

Ms Nkamba was speaking at the meeting of Internal Audit and Risk Management officials from the provincial and local government which was held on the 14th of September 2017 in Secunda.

She encouraged all assurance practitioners to assist their institutions to put in place effective internal controls to ensure proper financial assets management.

"We are aware about the budget cuts. The reduction to the baselines in the past few years has put tremendous pressure

on all of us to improve budget efficiencies," said Ms Nkamba.

She called on all practitioners to work smart, find alternative ways to achieve our their annual and performance targets .

"The current fiscal challenge has put Government under pressure to improve performance outcomes, contain expenditure growth and stay within the agreed expenditure ceilings", said Ms Nkamba.

Other topics that were discussed during the Forum include the role of Internal Audit and Risk Management on implementation of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, Corporate Governance challenges in the Public Sector, Business Continuity Management, Ethics Management and





MEC Kholwane showering gifts to senior citizens in Mashishing during the Mandela month celebrations

MEC Kholwane, Treasury Officials celebrates Mandela month with children and senior citizens

Doing something good for fellow citizens is the most gracious task that will make the world a better place for all.

The Nelson Mandela Month which was celebrated in July 2017 gave MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane and the officials of the Provincial Treasury the opportunity to “touch lives” of the elderly and children in Mashishing and Amersfoort respectively.

Coromandel celebrations

The Coromandel farm, outside Mashishing was abuzz with activities when MEC Kholwane join the community to celebrate International Mandela Day on Friday, 21 July 2017. The programme started with a visit to Enjabulweni Day Care centre, but the day belonged to scores of jubilant senior citizens who couldn't hide their excitement when MEC donated blankets and cosmetic bags to them at Shalom

church.

MEC Kholwane assured the elderly that government will continue to prioritise their needs.

“We value the contribution that you made in raising many of the leaders in government today. Your contribution to the struggle for freedom is immeasurable,” said MEC Kholwane.

MEC used the occasion to denounce the abuse of elderly people in the communities.

He urged the community and community leaders to report any form of abuse towards the elderly and the children to the law enforcement and social worker.

Sikhethokuhle celebrations

In another show of love, the officials of the department spent two days renovating the Stimulation Centre for children with disabilities in Amersfoort.





Delegation from local government attending a mScoa workshop in Gert Sibande District Municipality

Mscoa system goes live, improves budget recording and accounting

The long awaited Municipal Standard Chart of Account, commonly known as Mscoa, went live on the 1st of July 2017.

The implementation of mSCOA will result in the consistent application of the municipal accountability cycle' from planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and reporting and ultimately improved service delivery. "Last year we committed to supporting municipalities to move towards a uniform system of recording of budgets," "We have made great progress in preparing municipalities to comply with

the requirements for implementation of the mSCOA by the 1st of July 2017," said MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Sikhumbuzo Kholwane.

The mSCOA is part of the National Treasury's ongoing budget and reporting reforms aimed at improving financial reporting. With effect from 1 July 2017, all municipalities will have to capture all their financial transactions against a predefined classification framework, which will result in uniformity of line items in terms of revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

These financial reforms have improved the ability of stakeholders such as municipal councillors and management to make decisions and have empowered the general public to enable them to hold municipalities to account.

The mSCOA has been formulated on the design principles that have been implemented at national and provincial level.

The improvement in overall aggregated government reporting is expected to lead to policy formulation that is more informed over time.



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