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**Department of Cooperative Governance,
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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (COGHSTA) AND TRANSPORT, SAFETY AND LIAISON, MR BENTLEY VASS TO LAUNCH THE NORTHERN CAPE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS FORUM (LGCF) IN UPINGTON, IN THE DAWID KRUIPER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

The MEC of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) and Transport, Safety and Liaison in the Northern Cape, Mr Bentley Vass will launch the Northern Cape Local Government Communicators Forum (LGCF) on Thursday, 25 July 2024, in Upington, in the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality (ZF Mgcawu District).

The launch of the LGCF follows a series of engagements between the Department of COGHSTA, the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), and the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in the Northern Cape convened to discuss the establishment of the Forum to enhance and support the local government communication system across the Northern Cape Province.

The LGCF, chaired by the Department of COGHSTA, is dedicated to improving the communication capabilities within the local government sphere. It will complement the existing Provincial Communicators Forum (PCF) and District Communicators Forums (DCF), but specifically focusing on local government communication issues.

Local government is the coalface of service delivery and a need for communication in municipalities to be considered as a strategic and important function will ensure that communities are aware of all municipalities' programmes, plans, and projects, geared at advancing service delivery and promoting community participation.

The launch will be from 25 to 26 July 2024 and will be attended by local government communicators from across the Northern Cape, as well as other stakeholders including print and electronic media representatives.

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