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NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (COGHSTA), CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY IDP ENGAGEMENT SESSION WITH ALL NORTHERN CAPE MUNICIPALITIES IN UPINGTON.

On the 05th of June 2024, the Northern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) concluded a successful Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Engagement Session with twenty-five(25) of the thirty-one (31) municipalities of the province. The session started on Monday 03 June, at Protea Hotel in Upington, in the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality (ZF Mgcau District).

An IDP is a comprehensive, "single, inclusive and strategic plan" that outlines a municipality's priorities and strategies for economic and social development plans of municipalities. It is a critical component of the Municipal Systems Act, which requires that all municipalities in South Africa develop and regularly review their IDPs.

All the District Municipalities in the Province led the engagement sessions by providing an overview of the IDPs of all the local municipalities for each district followed by individualised presentations by municipalities that were part of the session.

At the close of the last day of the session, Adv. Mogami Manyeneng the Chief Director for the Cooperative Governance, said "We are happy with what we have achieved over the past three days, in that we could bring together a total of 16 sector departments and a total of 25 municipalities under one roof to engage on individual IDPs of municipalities, to assist and support the process of the finalisation of the IDPs before their final adoption by the different municipal councils across the Northern Cape Province in line with the legislation. Finally, the process also ensures that service delivery and budget implementation plans (SDBIPs) in all municipalities will be monitored to enhance service delivery".

Adv. Manyeneng further said it is expected that all municipalities will adopt credible IDPs before the end of June 2024 and create systems to ensure that the plans and projects contained in the adopted IDPs are implemented.

The session also highlighted the need for more involvement of sector departments in the IDP Representative Forums of municipalities to ensure that developmental projects that are to be implemented in a municipal space find expression in the different IDPs of municipalities across the Province.

An urgent need to ensure alignment through the DDM approach to service delivery at a horizontal and vertical level as well as maximise impact and resources at the disposal of the government was agreed upon through the commitment of sector departments to do more to support municipalities.

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