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MUNICIPAL CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS' FORUM LEKGOTLA – 10 AND 11 DECEMBER 2014

- 1. This circular serves to confirm that the annual Chief Financial Officers' Forum Lekgotla will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, **10 and 11 December 2014** and not 1 and 2 December 2014 as initially communicated in Treasury Circular Mun No. 4/2014 dated 22 January 2014.
- 2. The change in the date is as a result of the National Treasury SCOA ICF meeting which is taking place on 1 and 2 December 2014 and need to be attended by all provincial treasuries and municipalities piloting the LG SCOA regulations.
- 3. All Municipal Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) are requested to attend the meeting and are welcome to be accompanied by an additional municipal official.
- 4. This year marks the 20th year celebration of the South African Democracy and the discussions will focus on Provincial Strategic Goal 5: which is to embed good governance and integrated service delivery through partnerships and spatial alignment. To this end, the theme for the 2014 CFO Lekgotla will be: "To build a financial resilient local government".
- 5. Topics on the agenda for the two days include amongst others the following:

a) **BUDGETING**

Governments worldwide are increasingly examining methods that allocate resources in a more comprehensive way. The CFO forum meeting will examine methods that base resource allocation on the government's priorities more than on last year's budget; approaches to developing financial policies and long-term financial plans, and other techniques for engaging political office bearers and the municipal administration in making sustainable budget decisions.

b) CAPITAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- SCM LED linkage
- Diversity. Avoiding a single point of failure or reliance on a single solution:
 - Keep a multi-faceted perspective on financial health.
 - Maintain a diversity of funds to reduce reliance on the general fund (CRR).
 - Enlarge the base of supportive constituents.
 - Pursue multiple strategies for long-term financial health.

C) INSTITUTIONALISATION OF FINANCIAL PLANNING THROUGH GOVERNANCE PRACTICES LIKE FINANCIAL POLICIES, CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT, BTO CAPACITATION AND MGRO e-GAP TOOL

d) COLLABORATION. Working together to become stronger (A case study – WC Municipality)

• Build elected officials' service priorities into the plan.

 Provide elected officials a role in that planning process – a role they can thrive in.

Orient elected officials to the planning process.

• Use key indicators to help elected officials stay abreast of financial condition.

e) ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

Update on all of the major changes and developments that will affect accounting, auditing and financial reporting for municipalities including an update on Implementation of LG: SCOA Regulations promulgated by National Treasury on 22 April 2014.

f) TREASURY AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

The municipal fiscus remains under pressure and municipalities need to build resilient frameworks that will enable them to protect taxpayer money and ensure adequate cash flow. The CFO Forum meeting will focus on practices for aligning treasury policies and operations to corporate strategy; innovations in revenue collections; improvements in forecasting; and tools and techniques for measuring and reporting performance.

- 6. Municipalities are requested to submit any additional items for the agenda by no later than 24 November 2014.
- 7. The logistics for the Chief Financial Officers' Forum are as follows:

Date : Wednesday and Thursday, 10 and 11 December 2014

Time : 08:30 - 16:00

Venue: The Dunes Resort, Keurboomstrand Road, Keurboomstrand 6600

8. Confirmation of attendance or apologies should reach Provincial Treasury by no later than 24 November 2014.

9. Please direct your communication to:

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10. Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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