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MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW & OUTLOOK (MGRO) STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT – 2015/16

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to communicate the theme of the MGRO 1 engagements and the engagement dates that will take place in September 2015.

2. BACKGROUND

The Western Cape Government aims to continuously improve the level of municipal governance and audit outcomes within Western Cape municipalities. The MGRO process has since 2012 assisted municipalities to improve their state of governance and partnership between provincial and local government has been strengthened. It is evident that the objective of the MGRO process to drive a single minded focus on clean governance has had a concomitant impact in terms of the improvement of municipal audit outcomes over the past three years. It however is important that the state of governance continues to progressively improve as required by National and Provincial strategies to ensure that local government service delivery objectives are achieved in a sustainable manner. The MGRO 1 framework and discussions will be informed by the outcomes and lessons learnt from the Back 2 Basics, LG MTEC and the MGRO 2 processes.

3. ENGAGEMENT FORMAT

The MGRO 1 engagements are held annually where the executive management of municipalities, Provincial Treasury (PT) and Department of Local Government (DLG) engage, collaborate and agree on the strategic direction of MGRO for the coming financial year in preparation for Joint Planning Initiative and Integrated Development Planning processes.

The theme for the 2015 MGRO 1 engagements is **'Sustainable Local Government'** which supports the National Development Plan and Provincial Strategic Goals.

A municipal presentation template, to guide discussion points will be provided to all municipalities by 31 July 2015, together with a detailed agenda. This however does not limit additional issues and concerns being raised.

4. LOGISTICS

The engagements will be held per district as indicated in the annexed MGRO 1 engagements' schedule. Venues for the engagements will be communicated by 31 July 2015.

Municipalities are encouraged to remain for the duration of the engagement as best practices and experiences will be shared in order to find agreeable solutions to the challenges relating to sustainable local government for their respective districts.

Confirmation of attendance and number of delegates per municipality should please reach the Secretariat at the Provincial Treasury by no later than **17 July 2015**, to the officials listed below:

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DATE: 7 July 2015

MGRO 1 – 2015 Engagements Schedule				
Date	Municipality	Duration	Time	Venue
West Coast District				
15-Sept-15	Swartland	1 hour	08:00 – 17:00	TBC
	Bergrivier	1 hour		
	Saldanha Bay	1 hour		
	West Coast District	1 hour		
	Matzikama	1 hour		
	Cederberg	1 hour		
Cape Winelands District				
16-Sept-15	Drakenstein	1 hour	08:00 – 17:00	TBC
	Stellenbosch	1 hour		
	Witzenberg	1 hour		
	Langeberg	1 hour		
	Breede Valley	1 hour		
	Cape Winelands	1 hour		
Metro				
17-Sept-15	City of Cape Town	2 hours	09:00 – 11:00	City of Cape Town, Civic Centre
Central Karoo District				
18-Sept-15	Beaufort West	1 hour	08:00 – 16:00	TBC
	Central Karoo DM	1 hour		
	Laingsburg	1 hour		
	Prince Albert	1 hour		
Eden District (Day 1)				
21-Sept-15	Hessequa	1 hour	08:00 – 16:00	TBC
	Oudtshoorn	1 hour		
	Mossel Bay	1 hour		
	Kannaland	1 hour		
Eden District (Day 2)				
22-Sept-15	Eden District	1 hour	08:00 – 16:00	TBC
	Knysna	1 hour		
	Bitou	1 hour		
	George	1 hour		
Overberg District				
23-Sept-15	Overstrand	1 hour	08:00 – 16:00	TBC
	Theewaterskloof	1 hour		
	Cape Agulhas	1 hour		
	Swellendam	1 hour		
	Overberg District	1 hour		