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Mr Amos Masondo - NCOP Chairperson

No one can claim innocence when the AG makes a critical observation about serious weaknesses in the financial management of local government – NCOP Chairperson

In his opening remarks on the occasion of the opening of the National Council of Provinces' (NCOP's) 2020 Local Government Week, the Chairperson of the NCOP,

Mr Amos Masondo, prefaced his remarks on highlighting the constitutional mandate of the NCOP. He said: "The constitutional mandate

of the NCOP is to ensure that the provincial interests are taken into account in the national sphere of government.

The House is also charged with the task of making sure that, through organised local government, space is provided for the participation of local government representatives in its proceedings."


He added: "Over the years we have come to realise the importance of this arrangement. As such, there has been agreement that their non-voting status should be changed to enable them to vote in the NCOP, and thus form an integral part of the decision-making process. Some would argue that we still need to consider this recommendation and to find innovative ways of ensuring that it becomes a reality."

Mr Masondo said the importance of working together to build coherence in support of local government, is foregrounded by the location of municipalities in the cooperative government scheme. In this regard, he said section 154 (1) of the Constitution clearly stipulates that the national government and provincial governments, by legislative and other measures, must support and strengthen the capacity of municipalities to manage their own affairs, to exercise their powers and to perform their functions.

It is important to note that in designing these measures, national and provincial governments are required to consult the municipalities. Specifically, section 154(2) of the Constitution provides as follows: "Draft national or

provincial legislation that affects the status, institutions, powers or functions of local government must be published for public comment before it is introduced in Parliament or in a provincial legislature, in a manner that allows organised local government, municipalities and other interested persons an opportunity to make representations with regard to the draft legislation."

Given its character and design, Mr Masondo said: "The NCOP is better placed to facilitate cooperative government in a manner that allows local government to receive the necessary support in order to be able to perform its functions effectively."

Based on that, he said: "We therefore cannot, for lack of a better expression, claim innocence, when the Auditor-General (AG) makes the critical observation that over the past three years there have been serious weaknesses in the financial management of local government." 

NCOP is the anchor of the system of cooperative governance

Another key strategic mechanism initiated by the NCOP (National Council of Provinces) for the broadening and diversification of the means of linkage with the provinces, was the Provincial Week Programme. The programme was initiated in the 2nd Parliament during the chairpersonship tenure of Dr Naledi Pandor, to solicit provincial interests and to ensure that provincial delegates to the NCOP keep abreast of developments, as well as service delivery challenges facing their provinces. Asked by the Provincial Week News Bulletin writers to share his expectations about the impact of the 2020 programme on the accountability of the

provincial and local stewards of service delivery, the NCOP's House Chairperson responsible for committees, Mr Jomo Nyambi, said: "The onset of the Provincial Week brings with it a lot of excitement as we look forward to a week of intensive engagements to improve accountability within municipalities in our different provinces." He described the programme as an important oversight tool at "our disposal". He said the delegations go into the programme armed with resolutions from the 2020 Local Government Week and the Auditor-General's Municipal Audit outcomes with a view to strengthening governance. He said: "As I said,

to strengthen accountability. This year, in particular, places on our shoulders a greater responsibility in light of allegations and reports of mismanagement of the Covid-19 relief funds. Our single-mindedness as Members of Parliament representing different provinces defines our party political affiliations as we go to greater lengths in standing on the side of our people. "There are no holy cows here as we want to leave a lasting legacy for our people. Due to time constraints, we'll only visit a few municipalities in each province, but that is not the end of the story. Our committees continue to do their work and it's laudable to see the amount of work done even under the current circumstances. "Lastly, we're impressing on every one of our Members to adhere to regulations as they pertain during level one, hence the plan to conduct



Mr Jomo Nyambi - House Chairperson

hybrid visits in some municipalities.”

AIMS OF THE PROVINCIAL WEEK PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

The main aim of the programme includes, among other things,

- To ensure that provincial delegates to the NCOP keep in touch with developments and challenges facing their provinces;
- To accord delegates to the NCOP an opportunity to interact with their respective provinces and report on their activities in the NCOP with the aim of obtaining new mandates on issues to be placed on the national agenda;
- To provide a forum for the exchange and sharing of ideas around service delivery issues and challenges facing the provinces in fulfilling their roles; and
- To create an opportunity for the NCOP and provinces to work together in seeking solutions and developing new ways to address the challenges facing local government, and ensuring that the local government sphere responds adequately to the mandate of delivering services to communities.

The week-long programme includes:

Faces of Provincial Whips:



Ms Nokuzola Ndongeni, Provincial Whip – Eastern Cape



Mr Itumeleng Ntsube - Provincial Whip - Free State



Mr Mohammed Dangor, Provincial Whip – Gauteng



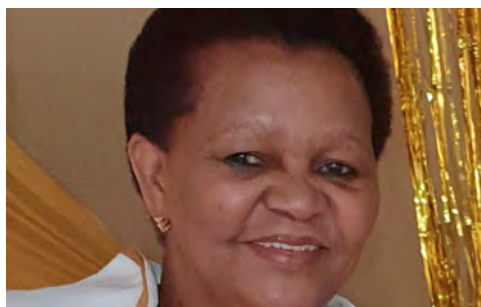
Ms Lindiwe Bebee, Provincial Whip – KwaZulu-Natal



Ms Mmamamora Mamaregane, Provincial Whip – Limpopo



Ms Audrey Maleka, Provincial Whip – Mpumalanga



Ms Martha Bartlet - Provincial Whip - Northern Cape



Mr Eric Landsman, Provincial Whip – North West



Ms Cathlene Labuschagne, Provincial Whip – Western Cape

Provincial Delegations

EASTERN CAPE



Mr Mandla Rayi



Ms Zukiswa Ncitha



Mr Zolani Mkiva



Mr Mlindi Nhanha



Mr Thembinkosi Apleni

FREE STATE



Mr Seiso Joel Mohai – NCOP Chief Whip



Ms Moji Moshodi



Mr Armand Benjamin



Mr George Michalakis



Mr Moletsane Simon Moletsane

GAUTENG



Mr Amos Masondo – Chairperson - NCOP



Ms Winnie Ngwenya



Mr Mbulelo Richmond Bara



Mr Dennis Richard Ryder



Mr Kenny Motsamai

KWAZULU NATAL



Mr Enoch Muzi Mthethwa



Mr Yunus Carrim



Mr Timothy James Brauteseth



Ms S'lindile Luthuli



Mr Simon Ezra Mfayela

LIMPOPO



Mr Mamagase Nchabeleng

MPUMALANGA



Ms Dikeledi Mahlangu

NORTHERN CAPE



Ms Sylvia Lucas



Ms Delmaine Chesley Christians



Ms Shahidabibi Shaikh



Ms Hildegard Boshoff



Mr Bekizwe Nkosi

NORTH WEST



Mr Thamsanqa Dodovu



Mr Tshitereke Baldwin



Mr Sam Zandamela



Mr Kenneth Mmoiemang



Ms Tebogo Modise



Mr Christiaan Smit



Ms Nomgqibelo Nkosi



Ms Mmabatho Mokause



Ms Seneanye Lehihi



Ms Brenda Mathevela



Mr Archibold Jomo Nyambi -
House Chairperson Committees



Mr Willem Aucamp



Ms Carin Visser



Mr Stephanus Du Toit



Ms Maurencia Gillion

WESTERN CAPE



Mr Isaac Mbulelo Sileku



Mr Andrew Arnolds



Ms Cathlene Labuschagne



Mr Johan Londt



Mr Edward Zoyisile Njandu



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PROVINCIAL WEEK PROGRAMME



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THEME:
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The provincial delegations are going to be briefed by the MECs responsible for human settlements on the extent to which the National and Provincial spheres of government support the identified Municipalities as well as the mayors on the performance of the municipality. The briefings will be followed by site visits at the identified service delivery sites. The identified municipalities are:

EASTERN CAPE

- Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality.
- Makana Local Municipality.

FREE STATE

- Matsjabeng Local Municipality
- Maluti-A-Phofung Local

- Municipality
- Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

GAUTENG

- City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality
- Sedibeng District Municipality
- Emfuleni Local Municipality

KWAZULU-NATAL

- Umzinyathi District Municipality
- Ethekwini Metropolitan Municipality
- Umgungundlovu District Municipality
- Ugu District Municipality
- Harry Gwala District Municipality
- ILembe District Municipality
- King Cetywayo District Municipality
- Umkhangakude District Municipality
- Zululand District

- Municipality
- Amajuba District Municipality
- uThukela District Municipality

LIMPOPO

- Thabazimbi Local Municipality
- Modimolle-Mookgophong Local Municipality
- Mogalakwana Local Municipality

MPUMALANGA

- Emalahleni Local Municipality
- Lekwa Local Municipality
- Govern Mbeki Local Municipality

NORTHERN CAPE

- Joe-Morolong Local Municipality
- Phokwane Local Municipality
- Dikatleng Local Municipality

NORTH WEST

- Bojana Local Municipality
- Maquassi Hills Local Municipality
- Naledi Local Municipality
- Malukeng Local Municipality

WESTERN CAPE

- Kannanaland Local Municipality