

Municipal Support and Intervention Framework Launched

At the Vuna awards held in Port Elizabeth, the Department of Local Government & Traditional Affairs renewed its pledge of supporting the local sphere through the launching of a Municipal Support and Intervention Framework (MSIF). The launch was conducted by MEC Tokozile Xasa who reaffirmed the Department's commitment to introducing structured interventions to support municipalities and finding mechanisms of monitoring and evaluating their performance.

The MSIF is a three-year programme that will see categorization of municipalities according to their respective levels of support requirements. This will translate into costed action plans devised per municipality encompassing their support requirements. A big part of the MSIF is rooted in generating and mobilizing stakeholders around the costed plans and actions required to improve municipalities. MEC Xasa said the strength of the MSIF lies in its focus on setting the performance goals for the 'ideal' municipality. She said support and intervention is then provided in order to move municipalities from the current levels of functioning to an improved level of functioning.

"Underpinning the MSIF is a strong monitoring and evaluation basis. Support is therefore not a one size-fits-all approach, but rather a focused and municipal-specific programme. A structured and more scientific approach to strengthening local government will support the realisation of the vision of a better life for all the citizens of the province." said Mrs Xasa.