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LIMPOPO SALGA PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS

The Limpopo, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Provincial Municipal Assembly (PMA) convened its inaugural session on 2 September 2025, marking a pivotal moment for local government leadership across the province. This distinguished gathering of municipal leaders and stakeholders focused on advancing the theme “Developing Resilient Municipalities,” reflecting the critical imperative to foster innovation and sustainability in response to the evolving challenges confronted by municipalities throughout Limpopo.

The assembly was officially opened by Councillor Thandi Zitha, SALGA Deputy Chairperson, who extended a warm welcome to all delegates and honoured guests. Her opening remarks underscored the significance of this assembly as a platform for collaboration and strategic dialogue aimed at fortifying municipal governance and service delivery.

Keynote addresses set an urgent and aspirational tone for the proceedings. Deputy Minister Namane Dickson Masemola of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba, and Limpopo MEC for Treasury Kgabo Magoai each highlighted the critical challenge of unfunded municipal budgets. They called for innovative financial approaches to safeguard the fiscal sustainability of municipalities.

Premier Ramathuba emphasized the essential role that Political Management Teams (PMTs) and municipal managers must play in spearheading transformative initiatives within local government structures. The assembly brought together a diverse and influential group of municipal leaders, PMTs and municipal managers from across Limpopo. This collective presence reaffirmed the commitment to collaborative problem-solving in addressing complex local government issues. Key discussions during the day centred on enhancing governance frameworks, boosting financial

resilience, and improving service delivery to create stronger, more adaptive communities.

The day's formal proceedings were infused with solemnity and respect, beginning with the inspiring rendition of the National Anthem. A poignant Candlelight Ceremony, conducted by SALGA PEC member Councillor Freda Nkondo, who paid tribute to the dedication and sacrifices of fallen municipal councillors, underscoring the deep commitment of those serving in local government. This assembly marks a critical step towards developing resilient municipalities equipped to meet present and future challenges through innovation, collaboration, and dedicated leadership.

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