

Media Statement

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SALGA tables 6th consecutive clean audit to Parliament

Portfolio Committee on Cooperate Governance and Traditional Affairs congratulates SALGA for clean audit

PARLIAMENT: The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) on Wednesday, 10 October 2019, tabled its 6th consecutive clean audit Annual Report 2017/2018 to the Portfolio Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999.

SALGA has been achieving clean audits on both performance and financial information as issued by the Auditor General of South Africa. The organisation's performance serves as an example to our 257 member-municipalities and seeks to inspire the desired state of good corporate governance in the local government sector, which can subsequently lead to a better life for all beneficiaries of municipal services.

The Portfolio Committee further congratulated SALGA for its good governance and obtaining the 6th clean audit.

The SALGA President, Councillor Parks Tau delivered the Annual Report to the Portfolio Committee and re-committed the member-body, on behalf of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the Provincial Executive Committees, to continuously advance the developmental local government mandate.

"While we remain cognisant of the challenges besetting the sector, we have to lead by example to our members by building an institution that is at the cutting-edge of high standards of good governance and accountability in the local government sector," said Councillor Tau.

"With the latest Annual Report, we are calling on our member-municipalities to draw inspiration from how SALGA – as an organisation – manages its business affairs," he said.

Councillor Tau further added that “it was every leader’s wish to preside over an achieving organisation which is characterised by good governance principles, and indeed SALGA is on the right trajectory”.

“My sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the organisation’s continued good governance in executing SALGA’s business affairs under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Xolile George. It is no easy feat to manage a transitional phase of a faultless five-year Strategic Term, and still open a new one with a remarkable scorecard,” Councillor Tau said.

Mr George described the performance of SALGA as “a show of good strength and sustainability” in its provision of strategic support to member-municipalities.

“Among others, SALGA’s successes can be attributed to its ability to focus on establishing a sound regulatory environment, fiscal and financial management, capacity building and simulating innovation and systematic intelligence. The organisational success resonates well with the organisational mission of being a credible and accountable institution to member-municipalities,” he said.

Mr George said: “SALGA has demonstrated its strength of being able to manage a transition following the 2016 municipal elections, which meant that the organisation adopted a new strategic agenda (Strategic Plan 2017-2022). The plan also recalls the spirit of the White Paper on Local Government and re-ignites the local government’s commitment and plan to realise Sustainable Local Government (2030).”

The SALGA Strategic Plan 2017-2022 posits the organisation as the protector of local democracy, which enables both the rights of the local government sector and its ability to execute the developmental local government mandate.

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