

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Cities converge in Cape Town to converse about Water Security and Drought Management**

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) will facilitate a conversation amongst the eight Metros on 27- 28 March at the SALGA House, Western Cape Provincial Office. The dialogue will focus on Water Security, Drought Management and Technological and Innovative solutions in mitigating current and future water challenges.

#### **The details are as follows:**

Venue: SALGA House Western Cape Office  
7th Floor. 44 Strand Street Cape Town (Opposite Southern Sun)

First Day, 27 March 2018  
Time: 14h00 – 18h00

Second Day, 28 March 2018  
Time: 09h00 – 13h30

Metros are recognised as engines of socio - economic growth in South Africa. They serve a population of approximately 22 Million which translate to about 39% of South Africans total population. The significance of Metro's role in economic development and service delivery should not be underestimated. The purpose of the dialogue is to empower Metro's response to the Sustainable Development Goals and boost key performance indicators reforms spearheaded by National Treasury.

**Key areas of the conversation will include amongst others;**

1. Exploring measure to increase Water Security
2. Reduction of Non-Revenue Water and Consumer Water Usage
3. Role of Technology and Innovation in water management
4. Metros contributions to Sustainable Development Goals and National Treasury's Reporting Reforms

Participants in the dialogue will be the Department of Water and Sanitation, GIZ and Cities Network. The outcomes of the conversation will culminate into a workable plan of action which will be shared with Metros Councils for adoption and implementation.

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