



## PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COGTA

Support and Intervention Programmes provided to Sol Plaatje and  
Phokwane Municipalities

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## Opening points to be made

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- All protocols observed
- Acknowledges all the presentations that have been made so far
- Appreciate the context that has been provided
- Trust the information provided will be of value



# Introduction

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The presentation will showcase the support SALGA has and continue to provide to Sol Plaatje and Phokwane Municipalities, through:

- SALGA's mandate
- SALGA's National and Provincial Working Groups
- SALGA's lobbying and advocacy agenda
- SALGA's capacity building initiatives
- Direct support to Sol Plaatje and Phokwane Municipalities



## SALGA's Mandate



A wide range of national and provincial initiatives which are translated through all portfolios of the Office, with a key focus on capacity building is key amongst the initiatives by which Sol Plaatje, Phokwane Municipalities and all other municipalities in the Province are supported.

Case in point, amongst other initiatives is communication training, records management training, public participation within the IGRF, Code of Conduct for Ward Committee members, etc.

# Working Group Evolution

## 2022 - 2027 WORKING GROUPS

1. Municipal Capability and Institutional Resilience
2. Community Development and Security
3. Governance & IGR
4. Economic Development & Job Creation
5. Electricity & Energy Provision and Public Works
6. Water & Sanitation
7. Human Settlements and Urban Agenda
8. Health
9. Emergency Services and Disaster Management
10. Municipal Finance and Fiscal Policy
11. Municipal Digital Solutions
12. Public Transport and Roads
13. Environmental Management & Climate Resilience
14. Development Planning and Rural Development

The Provincial Working Groups have a wide range of real municipal issues that are addressed for the Province, which in turn is elevated to the National Working Groups for, amongst other, lobbying and advocacy to the NCOP and Fiscal Commission of which SALGA has representation.

All Provincial Working Group members are continuously capacitated across all functional areas of the Working Groups, which includes representatives of Sol Plaatje and Phokwane Municipalities on all Working Groups.



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Both Sol Plaatje and Phokwane Municipalities are direct beneficiaries of -

## **SALGA's Lobbying and Advocacy Agenda 2023/2024:**

1. Lobbying for the HOLISTIC review of the Municipal Systems Act, Organised Local Government Act, IGR Framework Act, Property Rates Act and Municipal Finance Management Act.
2. Strategic Partnerships: Conclude strategic value-based partnerships to support SALGA initiatives.



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2. Professionalization: Advocate for the establishment of a single independent professional authority modelled along the lines of the Public Service Commission to oversee local government professionalization goals & objectives.
4. Municipal Profiling: Implement profiling campaign focusing on raising awareness on functioning of LG, responsible and accountable LG leadership, promoting responsible citizenry and structured support to municipal communicators.



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Capacity building as one of the key pillars of SALGA's Mandate have taken form in national initiatives, of which both Sol Plaatje and Phokwane Municipalities were beneficiaries. These include, amongst other:

- The Council of Speakers held on the 14 - 15 July 2022.
- The 5th Annual LG Governance & Performance Management Seminar, 16-17 February 2023.
- The Local Government Professionalization Indaba, 8-10 March 2023.
- The Local Government Ethical Leadership Initiative which objective it is to facilitate a national dialogue on ethical leadership in local government, culminating in a Code for Ethical Governance in South African Local Government.





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## **Phokwane Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) Training**

Conducted training for Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) members on 06-07 December 2022.

The MPAC programme covered the following topics amongst others:

- The Roles and Responsibilities of the Internal Audit and Audit Committees.
- Internal Structures and Functions of Local Government
- MPAC oversight and strengthening the accountability cycle.



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- Preventative Controls Guideline designed by the Auditor General
- Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless & Wasteful (UIF & W) Expenditure Reduction Strategy
- Strengthening internal controls
- Investigating UIFW Expenditure

In addition, a SALGA representative was on the panel for the shortlisting and interview process for the Municipal Manager of Phokwane Municipality.



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- SALGA has provided support to Sol Plaatje Municipality by participating in the monthly Municipal Planning Tribunal for purposes of approving land use management and zoning applications .
- For the year under review applications tabled to the Planning Tribunal included business and residential applications, ranging from consolidation , subdivision, ramification, relaxation of restrictive conditions .
- Recently, the Tribunal has observed an increase in zoning applications for student accommodation in the area surrounding the Sol Plaatje University precinct.



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### **Project: Supporting Public Participation and Planning in Local Government: Towards Local Government Service Delivery and Accountability.**

- SALGA, in partnership with PARI and Integrity Action (UK), have received support from the European Commission to implement a project aimed at enhancing accountability in South Africa.
- This is a 4-year project, entitled Supporting Public Participation and Planning in Local Government: Towards Local Government Service Delivery and Accountability (SPPPLG), commenced in January 2022 and builds on previous work that has been funded by the EU in SALGA.



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- The project activities are related to the delivery of water and sanitation, and include action research, and advocacy around governance and performance management areas.

The project aims to strengthen the IDP process, and the participatory, planning and oversight institutions. In doing so, it strives to achieve the following goals:

- Enhance local government delivery and accountability;
- Contribute to empowered citizenry, capable and responsive public officials;
- Contribute to internal municipal systems that ensure proper alignment of development goals with internal planning and performance management.



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## Conclusion

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SALGA will continue to fulfill its constitutional mandate towards Renosterberg Municipality, which includes:

- Representation, Advocacy and Lobbying
- Employer Body
- Capacity Building
- Support and Advice
- Strategic Profiling
- Knowledge and Information Sharing





# Thank You



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