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SALGA Gauteng to host Annual Municipal Audit Awards to Recognise Exceptional Performance and Encourage Continuous Improvement

The 2nd Annual Municipal Audit Awards, hosted by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Awards in the Gauteng Province, are set to take place on Friday evening, 5th July 2024, at the Garden Venue Hotel in Johannesburg.

These awards will recognise and celebrate municipalities in Gauteng for their exemplary financial management and adherence to the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) for the 2022/2023 financial year as per the Auditor General's Report.

SALGA's approach to municipal audit outcomes has always advocated for enforcing accountability and consequence management. A carrot and a stick approach – where excellence is rewarded while mediocrity and maladministration are punished – as a strategy to turn local government around.

Jongizizwe Dlabathi, Chairperson of SALGA Gauteng says: "The awards aim to recognise municipalities that have navigated governance challenges effectively. The ceremony not only celebrates achievements but also serves as a pivotal platform for sharing best practices, fostering collaboration, and motivating others to aspire to higher standards of municipal governance".

Among the dignitaries and key sector stakeholders expected to attend the ceremony include Advocate Kholeka Gcaleka, the Public Protector of South Africa, and the Auditor General of South Africa, who are both responsible for maintaining governance standards across South African public institutions.

Their involvement highlights the awards' deliberate focus on enhancing accountability and governance reflecting a collective commitment to advancing good governance practices and ensuring the efficient delivery of services to communities. While there are many obstacles that municipalities must still overcome, some have made great strides in their governance and, as a result, audit outcomes, and for that, must be recognised.

In addressing the challenges faced by municipalities as guided by its mandate, SALGA continues to provide support and facilitate areas of improvement across municipalities. Through its various programs, including the Municipal Audit Support Programme (MASP), SALGA remains committed to inspiring municipalities to achieve excellence in audit outcomes, thus reinforcing transparency and accountability.

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Media interested in covering the awards ceremony are invited to confirm their attendance by emailing mboshielo@salga.org.za by Thursday 4 July at 13:00pm. Any additional queries may be directed to mboshielo@salga.org.za / 073 208 0803

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