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Media Statement

North West Finance convenes Workshop to improve Audit Outcomes

The North West Department of Finance recently held a three day annual financial statement preparation training workshop at Rustenburg. The workshop was intended to provide support to provincial departments in order to comply with the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and to improve audit outcomes of the financial year ended 31 March 2015.

The workshop was conducted by the department's financial governance programme headed by the Provincial Accountant General. The programme has responsibilities to provide Quality Accounting Services, Norms and Standards, Financial Systems support and training, Transversal Risk Management, Internal Audit function and Physical Asset Management.

The Provincial Accountant General, Geo Paul indicated that Provincial Departments and Public Entities have a statutory obligation to prepare and submit Annual Financial Statements for audit to the Auditor General by the end of May every year.

The theme "Think clean, Think green" was adopted for the workshop after combining two themes of "Clean Audit vision 2014 and the green face" that the Auditor General awards in audit practice when there is significant improvement and minimal risks in a Departments books. The theme was to signify the commitment of Provincial Accounting Services to assist all North West Provincial Departments to the best of their ability to achieve favourable Audit outcomes for the year ended 31 March 2015.

"I am optimistic that this year's annual financial statements from departments will be as credible as possible to help the province achieve favourable audit outcomes," said the Provincial Accountant General.

The Auditor General provided guidance on audit focus areas for the year under review, audit file contents and other matters relevant to the audit.



Together moving Bokone Bophirima forward.

Amongst others, the workshop was attended by Chief Financial Officers of all Departments and their support staff, Officials from Provincial Internal audit and officials from the Auditor General.

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