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## **Media Statement**

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### **Provincial Risk Indaba key for service delivery**

The two day second annual Provincial Risk Management Indaba which was held in Mahikeng, Cooke's Lake under the theme; "Risk Management, repositioning and fast-tracking service delivery in the Bokone Bophirima province" provided a platform for government departments, municipalities and public entities to assess the role and significance of risk management and its impact on service delivery. The purpose of the indaba was, amongst others, to assess the status of risk management in the province.

The indaba was attended by Premier Supra Mahumapelo, other MECs, the Director General, Heads of Department, Municipal Mayors, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers and risk officers.

In her welcome address, the Director General Dr Lydia Sebege said the indaba provided a platform of looking into efficient ways of mitigating against risks that are encountered at workplace environment on a daily basis.

Delivering the purpose of the day, the MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development, Ms, Wendy Nelson said the session was very strategic as it brought policy developers and implementers under one roof to engage on pertinent issues that have potential to hinder provision of services delivery in Bokone Bophirima. Nelson said the Indaba sought to bring all stakeholders together to work in a well-co-ordinated manner and understand our roles towards the same vision and mission.

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**Together we move Bokone Bophirima forward.**

“This is a platform where policy developers and implementers and those that play oversight role meet and discuss robustly on amicable solutions that will curtail potential and existing risks and challenges faced by government. The value of engagements such as this one should not be underestimated,” said MEC Nelson.

In his keynote address, the Premier talked at length about the need to work in unison to deal with the injustices of the past by working with communities towards the same strategic vision to create a non-racial and prosperous society. He said if this does not happen, “we will not be mitigating against risks because the society will always be divided along colour.” He said it is important to address the disjuncture between the people and government through government programmes.

The Premier indicated that the province has come up with what he calls the “five concretes” to respond and mitigate against the risks facing the province. These five concretes, said the Premier, find expression in the Renewal, Rebranding and Repositioning (RRR) the people’s province of Bokone Bophirima. The five concretes include, Agriculture, Culture and Tourism (ACT), Renewal, Healing and Rebranding (RHR), Villages, Township, and Small Dorpies (VTSD) Setsokotsane and Saamwerk-Saamtrek. “We are not going to back off from these five concretes and going forward every department will have to report on them,” said the Premier.

“The fifth administration is very passionate about these programmes and it is my firm belief that we can all support the province in its endeavour to rise from the negative publicity that has existed and restore it to a service delivery driven province that puts its community at the core of its services”

He said through the triple R’s, his administration broke away from the traditional way of doing things and has placed people at the centre of service delivery through Setsokotsane approach. Premier Mahumapelo said for the first time and through Setsokotsane, public servants are now excited to swop their business suits with overalls and leave their offices and render services to masses of the province.

He further said it is important to constantly communicate with communities failing which will cause people to rise up against government and therefore create instability which has the potential to scare off investors as no one would like to invest in an unstable environment.

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“The government of Bokone Bophirima is moving with speed in ensuring that 21 years of democracy begins to mean real, actual and tangible service delivery for the people”

He said that risk management has not received sufficient attention and his administration will invest as much resources as possible to mitigate against risks facing it.

The event also provided platform to track progress made since the inaugural indaba last year as well as challenges experienced and how to address them. Judging by the turn out and the level of participation by stakeholders, attendants unanimously concurred that this year’s indaba was most successful and that it will help to put risk management at the top of strategic planning and service delivery

Presentations were made by various speakers who amongst other included the National Treasury and Provincial Auditor General.

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