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MEC Rakgoale congratulates Limpopo women appointed Ministers

The MEC for the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ms Nkakareng Rakgoale, has congratulated the newly appointed women Ministers who hail from Limpopo. MEC Rakgoale was speaking on behalf of Premier Chupu Mathabatha at the International Women's Day event held at Setumong Sport Ground, Matlala-A-Thaba, Polokwane Municipality, earlier today.

MEC Rakgoale said, "The appointment made by President Ramaphosa is a clear indication of a government that advocates for women leadership and empowerment. We thank the President for having confidence in our women to lead. What makes us even more proud is that Limpopo is well represented at that level. We indeed congratulate the daughters of Limpopo."

They newly appointed Ministers are: Ms Thembi Nkadimeng, Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ms Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, Minister in the Presidency, Ms Maropeng Ramokgopa, Minister in the Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation and Ms Pinky Kekana, Deputy Minister in the Presidency responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation.

MEC Rakgoale further said that the congratulations she is sending on behalf of the province are an indication that Limpopo has become a breeding ground for women leaders, an example that should encourage everyone to continue support work that the Limpopo government is doing in women emancipation.

Scores of women from across the province's five districts gathered at Ga-Matlala-A- Thaba for a joyful celebration of International Women's Day filled with cultural performances and dancing.

The Province joined billions of people in celebration of International Women's Day under theme: "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality."

Nkhensani Hlekane of Commission on Gender Equality shared some information on issues facing women and the work of the Commission as a Chapter 9 institution. She spoke of issues related to child maintenance, types of marriage, estate property amongst others as matters that require dedicated attention.

In concluding her remark, MEC Rakgoale praised government for having high number of women in leadership at political level, but said more still needs to be done and called on the private sector to appoint more women in executive managerial posts for emancipation of women.

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