

RE: PREMIER MATHABATHA CHAMPIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROGRESS
AT THE LIMPOPO PREMIER’S INTER-GOVERNMENTAL FORUM

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The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mr Basikopo Makamu, today lauded Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha for his pivotal role in stabilising administration and enhancing accountability across the Limpopo Province. This commendation came during the Premier’s Inter-Governmental Forum, a key assembly aimed at fostering cooperation and dialogue among various levels of government.

Premier Mathabatha, addressing the forum, underscored the significant strides made in governance and accountability. “You must be proud of the work that you have done as municipalities. We have come a long way from where we were in 2014, with today marking a historic moment where not a single municipality, entity, or provincial department in Limpopo is left with a disclaimer audit opinion,” stated Premier Mathabatha.

The Premier emphasised the importance of preemptive measures and the utilisation of systems for early detection of potential issues, praising the municipalities for their proactive approach. “The systems can help us detect problems before they happen, identifying bottlenecks. Many of our municipalities have those systems,” he added.

Highlighting the achievements, Premier Mathabatha pointed out the eradication of disclaimer audit opinions across the province, attributing this success to a combination of political and administrative will, and a strategic reduction in the reliance on consultants. “We have done this through Treasury and COGHSTA to bring about the kind of audit opinions we have today,” he remarked.

The Premier also highlighted the positive impact of the District Development Model and the Presidential Imbizos in addressing service provision issues through collaborative efforts. He called for the remaining districts to expedite the rollout of the District Development Model Imbizos to close the social distance with communities and address their service delivery issues promptly.

Concluding his address, Premier Mathabatha urged for continued efforts towards building an ethical and capable state, emphasising the need for qualified personnel to sustain good governance. “We should work tirelessly to ensure that our people do not stay on the opposite side of this government, as we journey to transform their lives,” he stated.

The Premier’s Inter-Governmental Forum stands as a testament to Limpopo’s commitment to transparent, accountable, and coherent governance, with Premier Mathabatha leading the province towards prosperity and well-being for all its residents.

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