

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality



Opening remarks by the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe During Meet and Greet Traditional Leaders held on the 20th May 2021 at Loskop Valley Lodge.

Programme Director

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mme Patricia de Lille

The Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mme Noxolo Kiviet is Deputy

Honoured Traditional Leaders

Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila

Honourable Speaker, Cllr Tladi

Chief Whip of the Council, Cllr Phahlamohlaka

Good Day

It gives me great pleasure and privilege to extend a warm greeting and welcome to you all, especially to our Traditional Leaders who responded to the call of the Minister and Deputy Minister.

Background

The Elias Motsoaledi Municipality is divided into 31 wards and five (05) Traditional Leaders.:

1. Kgoshi Matlala (Ngwato a Nape)
2. Kgoshi Rammupudu (Phaahle)
3. kgoshi-gadi Mathebe (mahlako)
4. Kgoshi-gadi Matsepe (Mologadi)
5. Ikosi PJ Mahlangu (Maphepha 11 mgwezani).

The 04 traditional leaders form part of the Council of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. The other one (1) serve in Sekhukhune District Municipality councils

Programme Director

The Municipality is primarily rural in nature with high levels of Agricultural land. The urbanising structure of the local municipality is characterised by two Urban Concentrations and Seven Rural Concentration Points which are located along R25/N11/R33, R573 and R555 and which are provincial and national roads.

Chapter 12 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic recognises the institution, status and the roles of traditional leadership according to customary law. The ANC government acknowledges the critical role which you are playing in our democracy and within the communities, particularly in relation to the rural development strategy. It therefore remains committed to strengthening the institution of traditional leadership.

As government, we recognise the role that still needs to be played by our Traditional Leaders and institutions in healing many of the social ills that face our communities.

In conclusion, Programme Director, I want to take this opportunity to once more welcome you to Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality.

I welcome you, Thank you