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MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ACHIEVES UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION FOR 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR



MKLM Mayor Nkotswe

It is against this background, that MKLM presents that the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA) conducts regular discretionary audits or assessment of national, provincial government departments, as well as municipalities on an annual basis. In addition, AGSA publishes audit with regard to outcomes of audit in accordance with the Public Audit Act, 25 of 2005.

Therefore, Moses Kotane Local Municipality has received an Unqualified Audit opinion for the 2021/2022 financial year from the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) signed and delivered on the 30th November 2022.

As Moses Kotane Local Municipality, we can attest that the previous five year's Audit History was not easy but a mammoth committed mission as we aimed to improve audit outcome as follow:

- In the financial year 2017/2018, the municipality obtained **Disclaimer Audit Opinion**.
- 2018/2019, the municipality also obtained **Disclaimer Audit Opinion**.
- 2019/2020, the municipality improved to the **Qualified audit opinion**.
- 2020/2021, the municipality remained stagnant as it obtained another **Qualified audit opinion** which saw improvement in reduction of Audit findings from 11 Audit paragraphs to only Two paragraphs.
- Now with stringent internal control and compliance issues in place, in 2021/2022, the municipality significantly improved and obtained **UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION WITH FINDINGS**.

Moses Kotane Local Municipality vowed its commitment in improving its Audit outcomes as follow:

- * Greater innovation strategy was introduced by the municipality, which is why it started an **interim annual financial statement audit**. To do this, the municipality initiated contacting AGSA before the final audit to come identify any potential grey areas, followed by the municipal willingness to address those areas in preparation for the final Audit. This improved the efficiency of final Annual financial statement to be submitted.
- * The municipality also made improvements to internal controls, such as increased financial accountability for using public funds economically and efficiently. This led the municipality to correctly retain all financial records, align with all necessary compliance requirements, mitigate risks, etc.
- * The municipality developed, implemented the post audit action plan (PAAP).
- * The municipality have demonstrated Appétit to confront the issue of Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless, and Wasteful (UIFW) expenditure.
- * However, it must be put on record that some of the UIFW is not a recent activities but dates back from 2012/2013 financial years and truthfully reduction of such effects cannot not be achieved overnight.

In Conclusion

As the Mayor of Moses Kotane Local Municipality Cllr Nketu Nkotswe, I would like to applaud the management, staff members for their dedication, commitment and the Council for active leadership, oversight role played from web of Disclaimers to Unqualified audit opinion. This shows the capability of Moses Kotane Local Municipality to now going towards achieving Clean Audit (unqualified Audit opinion with findings). Indeed, as municipality through all these dedications, we have a story to tell towards transforming this municipality into greater heights. Let us all continue to take note, implements all AGSA recommendations in enabling accountability and thus promoting sound financial governance practices needed in South Africa.

I thank you

MKLM Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe



Municipal Manager Mr Mokopane Letsoalo

As I present this Moses Kotane Local Municipality official Newsletter to all internal and external stakeholders, I would like to remind all readers that the goal of local government is to promote economical, efficient public financial management, spark positive changes to a developmental-oriented economy and most importantly—increase the level of services provided to the residents of Moses Kotane.

The Moses Kotane administration would like to present the following updates as it works towards heightening improvements:

- › The Council of Moses Kotane Local Municipality has during its sitting on the 04th October 2022 as per resolution item 43/09/2022 saw it befitting towards service delivery to re-appoint the Accounting Officer namely Mr Mokopane Letsoalo, who will in capacity is enhancing proper financial management of the municipality is in line with prescribed legislations, that internal controls are put in place and most important ensure that our planned Integrated development plan is fully resourced, budgeted towards achieving service delivery to the people.
- › In addition, the Council appointed Mr. Frans Dirane Radiokana as Head of Department Corporate Support Services in accordance with resolution taken on Item 37/08/2022. It is important to remember that the Corporate Director function is also of utmost significance because efficient human resource management, sound labour relations in place, and the recruitment of a capacitated workforce towards achieving institutional performance are other ways to deliver services.
- › Mr. Given Tshitereke Masheleni was later appointed to be Head of Department for Planning and Development on the Council held on October 28, 2022, in accordance with decision item 38/08/2022. This senior management is also critical in efficient rural and urban planning developments. Congratulations to all of the newly appointed senior

particularly local government, and who are dedicated to bringing this municipality to new heights. Not forgetting, various hard working heads of departments/ senior managers who held the forts on the absence of the accounting officer, as acting in various important senior management positions.

The previous five years have been difficult and demanding since as head of administration had to set up mechanisms that aim to improve substantially the municipality's financial outlook, hard economic decisions had to be made.

The municipality has always aimed to accomplish clean audit as required by the MFMA and to coincide with National Treasury's encouragement to local government to achieve what is known as **"Green Economy."**

As Administration, we can attest that, It has been a gruesome journey to extricate ourselves from the bondage of Disclaimers to Qualified opinions and to **Unqualified opinion in the 2021/2022 Financial year.** This is a big Achievements which is remarkable and a collective hardworking effort.

Despite the achievements that prevails, there are also Challenges that the administration still encounter which are:

- Water supply interruptions – Lack of Water
- Water quality
- Low revenue collection which limits quality services to be rendered.
- Slow planned municipal development due to poor and aged infrastructure.
- High youth unemployment
- Social issues such as Crime, Gender Based Violence & Femicides.
- Slow pace in dealing with UIFW (unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless & wasteful) expenditure. However, the Municipality has managed to drastically reduce the number of Audit findings over the last 3 years. We need to put an extra effort to address the outstanding matters of emphasis raised by Auditor General in order to obtain a Clean Audit. We are equally pleased that the long awaited Unit 7 development has commenced. We also appreciate the generosity of the Provincial Department of Human Settlements in putting up infrastructure in the area for the Municipality. Over 2000 sites will be services as a result of this generosity. That is indeed Intergovernmental Relations at work.
- The SEZ Infrastructure Master plan has also been completed by the DBSA and we should be seeing movement soon.

I thank You

Municipal Manager Mr Mokopane Letsoalo

COMMUNICATIONS INTERVIEW WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES MR DIRANE FRANS RADIOKANA

Tell us more about Mr Radiokana?

Mr Frans Dirane Radiokana was born and raised in the local village of Kwa Matlhako - Pella. Growing up, I had a strong desire to help the local communities, with a focus on community development and improving people's lives. I am finalizing my second Degree, which this time is LLB.

Tell us more about your New Role?

The Moses Kotane Local Municipality has appointed me as Head of Department for Corporate Support Services, effective from 1st November 2022, for a period not more than five years. I have been in this position for a while; previously, I held the management position of Head of Unit: Labour Relations for several years, and I have also served as HOD: Corporate Services on several occasions. As a result, I bring more than 15 years of experience in local government, primarily in the Corporate Department.

As the Head of Department Corporate Support Services, I would like to emphasize to all internal and external readers of this article the importance of effective Corporate Support services to local government sustainability. Sustainability is critical because it determines how well MKLM can gain a competitive advantage and transform into a municipality that provides enhanced services to its citizens.

In conclusion, let me emphasize that, in order to realize all of the aforementioned key issues raised, and to build a municipality for ALL, there is a need for a collective active endeavor, with support from many personnel and departments. Let us all move Moses Kotane to greater heights.



Head of Department for Corporate Support Services Mr Dirane Radiokana

EDITOR'S CORNER

Regarding the direction that government communications is currently taking, a number of stakeholders, including SADC, UNESCO, and the Government Communications Information & System, are intensifying their efforts to build South Africa's capacity for "**Building Science and Climate Change Communication.**" Therefore through this Newsletter, Moses Kotane Local Municipality aims to make awareness and draw readers' attention to the scientifically established link between climate change and leading to high temperature as well as flooding.

Enjoy the read.

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WARD COUNCILLOR FORUM SUCCESSFULLY HELD

Moses Kotane Local Municipality, through the Office of the Speaker, Cllr Gugulethu Mtshali, held a Ward Councillor Forum at Mogwase, Council Chamber on October 27, 2022. Cllr Gugulethu Mtshali, Speaker of the Council, emphasized the importance of an active Ward Councillor forum as one of the essential platforms that will bring together diverse stakeholders involved in service delivery in order to improve services to the people.

“Let us all go to the ward level and deliver information, good governance, and accountability to the community,” concluded Speaker Mtshali.

The Councilors and Ward Committees heard the following presentations from stakeholders.

- Collen Rammule discussed the role of Salga in promoting public engagement in municipalities, while Ms Laurentina Diale discussed upper limits
- Mr. Abram Tumane gave a presentation about Eskom.
- During his presentation, Mr Tumane discussed how theft and vandalism affect the electricity supply. He went on to explain the distinctions between load reduction and load-shedding to those in attendance. Communities were advised to refrain from undesirable conduct such as breaching their meters, utilizing ghost electricity, and encouraging prepaid customers to purchase electricity in order for ESKOM to efficiently deliver outstanding service.
- The Department of Agriculture also made a presentation.



Speaker of the Council Cllr Gugulethu Mtshali addressing Ward Councillors Forum



Speaker Cllr Gugulethu Mtshali and Single Whip Cllr Caroline Motshabi



Attendees at the Ward Councillors forum

MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY EMBARKS ON A PRAYER SESSION FOR GRADE 12 LEARNERS FINAL EXAMINATIONS



Various stakeholders during the Grade 12 prayer session

Moses Kotane Local Municipality, through the Office of the Speaker and the Single Whip, held a prayer session in Manamela on October 28, 2022 for all Grade 12 students residing in the Moses Kotane jurisdiction. The Grade 12 examinations were expected to begin on October 31, 2022.

Cllr Caroline Motshabi, the Single Whip of Moses Kotane Local Municipality, indicated to learners that the prayer session is aimed at seeking divine intervention for learners before examinations. Cllr Motshabi reiterated that learners require more than academic support to perform well in their examinations. Finally, the Single Whip concluded the prayer session by wishing all of the Grade 12 students who will be writing their final exams the best of luck and emphasized that they are the future leaders the municipality hopes to work with.



MKLM Single Whip Cllr Caroline Motshabi addressing during MKLM prayer session



MKLM Mayor during introductory meeting



Head of Department for Corporate Support Services Mr Frans Radiokana



MKLM Employees who attended the introductory meeting



Executive Committee Members, Management on introductory of MM and HOD meeting

WELCOME MEETING FOR MUNICIPAL MANAGER & HOD: CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES

Moses Kotane Local Municipality Mayor Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe, accompanied by members of her Executive Committee, officially introduced the newly appointed Municipal Manager: Mr. Mokopane Letsoalo and Head of Department Corporate Support Services: Mr. Dirane Radiokana to employees at Mogwase Civic Centre before proceeding to Madikwe offices on Monday, 14th November 2022.

Both the Accounting Officer and the Head of Department for Corporate Support Services began their formal employment on November 1, 2022.

In her opening remarks, Mayor Nkotswe praised all staff members for ensuring that communities continued to receive high-quality services despite the absence of crucial senior managers.

This demonstrated dedication and commitment to improving service delivery. The Mayor also went on to present the Accounting Officer and the Head of Department Corporate Services, whose roles are critical to service delivery, as well as the members of the Executive Committee who began serving as the current administration in November of last year.

The Accounting Officer, Mr. Mokopane Letsoalo, used the opportunity to thank the previous and current Council administrations for deciding to appoint him in an effort to move away from the bondage of Audit Disclaimers and toward a more environmentally friendly audit opinion in order to bring the municipality to new heights.

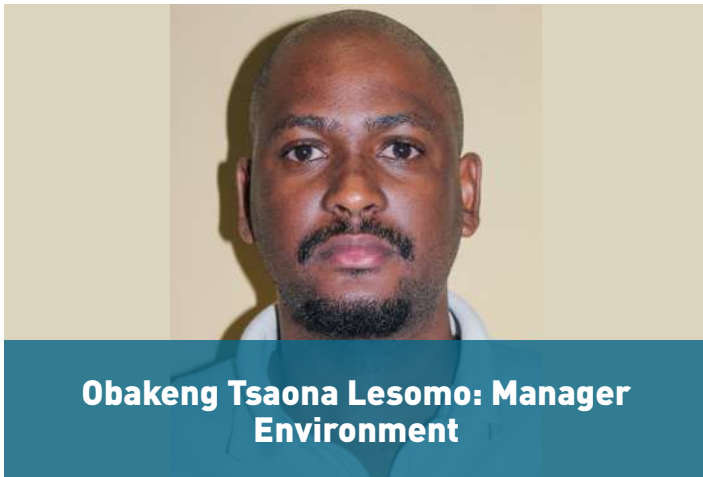
MKLM'S NEW APPOINTMENTS SINCE JULY 2022



Mr Mokopane Letsoalo: Municipal Manager



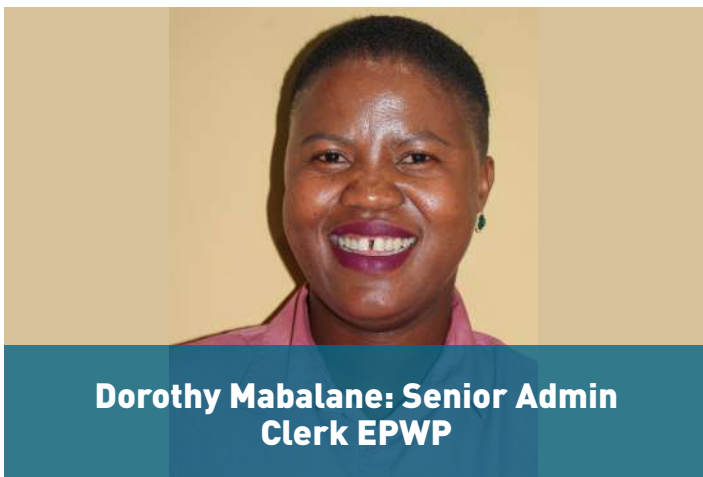
Mr Dirane Radiokana: Head of Department for Corporate Support Services



Obakeng Tsaona Lesomo: Manager Environment



Gadifele Selina Ntsonyana: Manager Employee Health & wellness



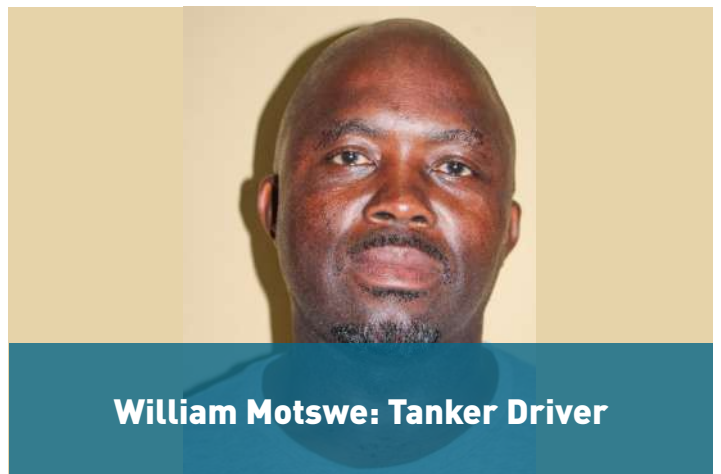
Dorothy Mabalane: Senior Admin Clerk EPWP



Dumisani Zwane: Water Tanker Driver



Joseph Modimoeng: Water Tanker Driver



William Motswe: Tanker Driver



Itumeleng Ncube: Water Tanker Driver



JoJo Ngomane: Assistant Mechanic



Kegomoditswe Victor Moabi: Fleet Mechanic



Simani Sydney: Fleet Mechanic



Solly Chabalala: Assistant Mechanic



Thabang Amos Ngomane: Water Tanker Driver



Tshepo Poane: Water Tanker Driver



Tshepo Rasepai: Admin Clerk Leave

DONATIONS OF SOCCER KITS TO LOCAL TEAMS AS WELL AS THE HANDOVER OF RENOVATED SWIMMING POOL, AND GYM.



Donation of Soccer kits with representation from Raising Giants Organization, National Lotteries together with soccer legends Neil Tovey, Doctor Khumalo & Edward Motale



MKLM ward 13 Cllr Fortune Luvuno

Moses Kotane Local Municipality in conjunction with the Raising Giants Organization, funded by National Lotteries Commissions, on the 22nd October 2022 donated soccer kits to local soccer teams of Ward 13 (Mabeleapodi & Mankwe TVET), as well as handover of renovated swimming pool, gym and a multi-purpose sporting court to Mankwe ORBIT TVET College.

In many previous IDP roadshows the communities continuously raise the need to have multipurpose sporting fields, wherein the vision to develop local talented sports champions will be heightened in our communities.

The event was graced by Doctor Khumalo, Neil Tovey and Edward Motale former soccer legends as well as Ward 13 Cllr Fortune Luvuno.

BOJANALA DISTRICT WHIPPERY AND MULTI STAKEHOLDERS FORUM



MKLM Single Whip with various stakeholders

The Moses Kotane Local Municipality office of the single whip in partnership with Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (BPDM), Rustenburg Local Municipality, Moretele Local Municipality and Kgetleng local Municipality as well as various stakeholders namely Department of Home Affairs, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) gathered at MKLM Council Chamber in Mogwase on Thursday, 17th November 2022 for the stakeholders meeting.

Cllr. Caroline Motshabi, MKLM Single whip, described the structure as a platform that brings together various government stakeholders to identify, plan, and provide sustainable solutions in communities. There are people, primarily in our villages, who are unable to access government services like Social grants for a variety of reasons, and this forum's objective is to resolve such issues in order to help improve their lives, she said.

The meeting was graced by the presence of:

1. Member of Parliament Mme. Jane Manganye
2. Cllr. Caroline Motshabi Moses Kotane Local Municipality Single Whip
3. Cllr. Louisa Mabe Rustenburg Local Municipality Whip
4. Cllr. Kaike Mleta Moretele Local Municipality Whip
5. Cllr. Elsie Kgantle Madibeng Local Municipality Whip



Newly MKLM Disability Forum as well as additional members

LAUNCH OF MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DISABILITY FORUM

On the 22nd September 2022 the Moses Kotane Local Municipality in consultation with the office of the Premier officially launched the current MKLM Disability Forum. The Constitution of Republic of South Africa is extremely clear that all government sectors must allow people with disabilities to participate actively as citizens in matters of government. No one may unfairly discriminate against someone by excluding them according to their disability.

The Provincial Disability Forum Chairperson, Mr. Victor Mochane, emphasized the importance of setting up disability forums as a means of bringing together all the different issues that the government must be aware of in order to hear from those who live with disabilities and ensure that their voices are also heard.

The outcomes of the election process are as follows (newly elected Disability forum):

Mr. Mpho Motsatsi - Chairperson , Ms. Katlego Maphologelo - Deputy Chairperson, Ms. Rampete Mmaletsatsi - Secretary, Ms. Mmamane `Mosime - Deputy Secretary.

Additional members:

Mr. Ofentse Gaitate, Ms. Lebogang Mathoane, Mr. Moatshe Bernard, Ms. Maesha Molebatsi, Mr. Modise Pine, Ms. Doris Maotwe.

INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY BLITZ AT MATLAMETLONG

The Moses Kotane Local Municipality, in collaboration with the Departments of Home Affairs, Labor, SASSA, Mogwase Fire and Emergency Department, Bojanala District, MKLM Environment and Waste Management Unit, Eskom, PPC Cement, Siyanda Bakgatla Platinum Mine, FNB, and African Bank, held a service delivery blitz at Matlametlong village on December 2, 2022.

The goal of the service delivery blitz is to bring government departments and stakeholders closer to the community in order to provide effective and efficient services.



Stakeholders at Service delivery blitz



Services rendered at Matlametlong

GRADE 12 LAST PUSH MOTIVATIONAL TALK



Acting Mayor for the day Cllr Motsoenyane and various stakeholders

Moses Kotane Local Municipality through a partnership with Sun-City and the Department of Education held the “Grade 12 last push” campaign to encourage and motivate all the Grade 12 learners within the Moses Kotane jurisdiction

who will soon begin their matric final examinations. The campaign was aimed at motivating learners to perform better and achieve great results in their upcoming matric exams.



Councillors and Ward Committees attending COMPACT programme



Speaker Cllr Gugulethu Mtshali and the former Acting MM

STRENGTHENING MKLM'S PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THROUGH THE COMPACT PROJECT INITIATIVE, SPONSORED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

Through the Office of the Speaker, Cllr. Gugulethu Mtshali, the Moses Kotane Local Municipality is one of the second municipality in the North West to receive financial support for a Four-year assistance program aimed at strengthening municipal public participations, which would in turn enhance service delivery. The project initiation officially began today on the 20th October 2022, then Moses Kotane Local Municipality will receive ongoing support from the joint stakeholders namely Public Affairs Research Institute, SALGA North West, Integrity Action, and European Union.

The MKLM Speaker, Cllr. Gugulethu Mtshali, extended a warm welcome to all various stakeholders present namely ward councillors, officials, committee secretaries, and sponsors. The Speaker emphasized that Moses Kotane Local Municipality is fortunate to be one of only two municipalities in the North West to receive formal, comprehensive support for enhancing public participation that will improve service delivery.

MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WELCOMES NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT.



Newly appointed HOD: Development & Planning - Mr Masheleni Tshireke Given

Moses Kotane Local Municipality proudly welcomed Mr Masheleni Tshireke Given, 35 years, who was appointed by the Council on October 28, 2022, in accordance with resolution item 38/08/2022.

Mr Masheleni has a four-year degree in urban and regional planning from Venda University. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at North West University.

Mr Masheleni, HOD: Development & Planning, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to progress rural development, stating that this Municipality has the potential to be upgraded for future growth.

Cllr Stephina Mashishi, MMC for Planning and Development, remarked that she is delighted to welcome and collaborate with the newly appointed HOD.

MKLM Mayor Cllr Nketu Nkotswe remarked that the Moses Kotane Local Municipality is eager to be uplifted and developed in accordance with Mr Masheleni's aspirations. However, it is critical that various departments support him accordingly.



MKLM Mayor with Exco members welcoming the HOD Mr Masheleni Tshireke Given

MEN'S DIALOGUE



Various Men participated in men's forum



EHW Manager and Botshabelo crisis centre Rep with local young men participating in men's dialogue

Moses Kotane Local municipality through Employee Health and Wellness Unit, as well as Botshabelo Crisis Centre held a successful mens dialogue wherein issues directly affecting men were discussed.

The Mens Dialogue became a success by attendance of local soccer players, internal male employees, external various sector departments, Councillors, Mr Thabang Sefotho who is an influencer on social corrective social behavior.

village FM was also in attendance was also in attendance for relaying information to the mass.

MKLM Employee Health and Wellness Manager Ms Gadifele Ntsonyana stated that she saw the importance of hosting this mens dialogue as men go through a lot of issues silently. The programme was held under the theme "Thuba Sekaku o fole, Bua Fela Ntate/Rra"

SAFER FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE TO ALL

- Follow all traffic laws at all times.
- Make sure you always wear your seat belt.
- Ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Don't text and drive.
- Do not speed

Be responsible you will arrive alive



Traffic officers



Provincial Traffic Department and Saps participating in a roadblock

VARIOUS UNITS PARTICIPATES IN PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS THAT PROFILE MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

MS BAFEDILE MOSELANE NOMINATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP.

This is made possible by a collaboration between Anglo American (Anglo Platinum Mine), Cogta, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the Moses Kotane Local Municipality on municipal capability programs. The scholarship program includes e-learning/online, module completion, and a physical classroom, which included a trip to Dubai.

The HOU: IDP emphasized the importance of this scholarship program in allowing them to collaborate as a diverse global group of leaders engaged in the pursuit of effectively shaping and transforming our institution in order to provide quality services to the people.

#Professionalizing local government - Moses Kotane Local Municipality.

The municipality would like to thank Ms Bafedile Moselane for profiling the municipality.



IDP Unit Ms Bafedile Moselane represent MKLM through Anglo American Programme at Dubai

MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS UNIT HAS BEEN NOMINATED IN THE NORTH WEST

Media Awards 2022, in the following Category:

- First Award Category: Newsletter of the year namely Dikgang tsa Moses Kotane.
- Second Award Category: Active Social Platform (the municipal facebook page).

Moses Kotane Local Municipality would like to thank the Communications Unit for Profiling this municipality further.



THE RISK MANAGEMENT UNIT PROFILE MUNICIPALITY THROUGH IRMSA AWARDS



Moses Kotane Local Municipality

Dear Tsholofelo

RE: 2022 IRMSA AWARDS FINALIST | RISK MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations on being a finalist for the 2022 IRMSA Annual Awards in the category of Risk Manager of the Year. The initiatives outlined in your nomination were highly commended and you should be proud of these achievements.

Please accept our warmest congratulations for being a finalist and our thanks for the outstanding contribution to elevating risk management.



22 November 2022

Ms Tsholofelo Ramosepele of the Risk Management Unit has been nominated as a finalist in the category of Risk Manager of the Year at the IRMSA 2022. Moses Kotane Local Municipality wishes to thank Ms Tsholofelo Ramosepele for further profiling this municipality.

Risk Manager of the year 2022. #IRMSA



VISION

A caring municipality underpinned by minerals, agricultural and eco-tourism economy for the advancement of sustainable services to our communities.

MISSION

To be-driven by skilled human capital, conducting high work and service standards incorporating our natural resources to achieve inclusive quality life for our communities.

VALUES

Integrity- Transparency- accountability- Honesty- Excellence- Human Dignity

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To all Moses Kotane residents, the festive season has already begun, and as Mayor of this municipality, I hereby kindly encourage all to:

- Celebrate this festive season responsibly and safely at all times to avoid accidents.
- This is family time, a time to share love, celebrate with loved ones, forgive one another, and share what we have with those who are less fortunate.

- To students who have finished writing, do not get too excited and engage in risky behavior.
- To motorists, please obey speed limits and ensure that our vehicles are roadworthy so that we arrive alive.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

