



PRESENTATION ON CHALLENGES AT UTHUKELA DISTRICT
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DISTRICT OVERVIEW

- uThukela district municipality (DC23) is one of eleven district municipalities in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.
- Uthukela district municipality derives its name from one of the major rivers in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, the Uthukela River that rises from the Drakensberg Mountains and supplies water to a large portion of KZN and as well as Gauteng.
- There is National part land to southwest, Lesotho to the west the Province of Free State to the north west. UThukela district municipality has three district municipalities bordering onto it within the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, namely Amajuba, Umzinyathi and UMgungundlovu. Uthukela district municipality consists of five local municipalities namely,
 - ✓ **Indaka (KZ233)**
 - ✓ **Emnambithi/Ladysmith(KZ232)**
 - ✓ **Umtshezi (KZ234)**
 - ✓ **Okhahlamba(KZ235)**
 - ✓ **Imbabazane (KZ236)**

DISTRICT OVERVIEW Cont.

- The size of UThukela district municipality is approximately 11500 km².
- Emnambithi is occupying 2,965.92km², Indaka is on 991.71km², Umtshezi 2130.85km².
- Okhahlamba is which is the largest and is occupying 3540.63km²,
- Imbabazane is on 827.74km².
- It is located in the western boundary of Kwazulu-Natal. UThukela district municipality is 75 % rural and the local municipalities,.
- Indaka and Imbabazane, having no formal towns and mainly comprising of traditional areas.

BACKGROUND OF THE PRESENTATION

- At a PCA meeting held on 11 March 2015 at Greys recreation hospital the District Mayor's report reflected that there were challenges with non-attendance of some LAC'.
- One of the resolutions was for the District Mayor to go back and intervene in Local Municipalities that gave these challenges.
- The purpose of this presentation is to report on the interventions by the District Mayor.
- The report will cover the following:
 - Current Status of the LACs
 - Challenges still faced with one LAC

STATUS OF THE LACs AND DAC

- The following LACs are functional and are consistently submitting LAC reports.
 - Imbabazane LAC
 - Emnambithi/Ladysmith LAC
 - Indaka LAC
 - Umtshezi LAC
- Okhahlamba LAC is not submitting LAC reports.
- Some Mayors are not regularly attending DAC but some do send their deputy chairpersons

CHALLENGES

- Okhahlamba LAC not attending the DAC meeting and not submitting their reports, despite numerous engagements with Okhahlamba Chairperson.
- Some of the Mayors are still not attending DAC meetings but do send their deputy chairpersons.

INTERVENTIONS

- DAC chairperson wrote letters to LAC Chairpersons about their non-attendance.
- They were again invited to the DAC meeting which was scheduled for the 28th May 2015
- Emnambithi LAC Chairperson was the only one who attended and the rest did not attend but their deputy chairpersons were present except for Okhahlamba LAC.
- There was no written apology from this LAC Chairperson.
- Therefore the district is facing a challenge with only one (1) LAC, that is , Okhahlamba LAC.

WAYFORWARD

- The District Mayor who is the DAC Chairperson will continue to engage Okhahlamba Mayor until something positive come out.

❖ P – Push

❖ U – Until

❖ S – Something

❖ H – Happens

“Thank you Hon. Chairperson”