



STATEMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2015

The Provincial Executive Council ('Executive Council') held its ordinary meeting on 29 July 2015 in Pietermaritzburg. The Executive Council was apprised on the activation held by the Office of the Premier in the morning of 29 July 2015 to mark the count-down to the World AIDS Conference 2016 scheduled to take place in Durban next year. MECs were requested to engage in further workplace activations in their respective departments.

1. Report from SANRAL on Road Network Interchanges planned for KZN

Transportation infrastructure is one of the key priorities of government to drive socio-economic development. Provincial government is engaged on massive infrastructure programme to unlock the economic growth potential of the KwaZulu-Natal. In this regard, the Executive Council invited SANRAL SOC LIMITED to present on its plans for road network interchanges in the Province. The Executive Council expressed its appreciation on the progress that has been made in particular the N2 corridor upgrade, the Umgeni Road and KwaMashu interchanges and on the Mount Edgecombe interchange.

The Executive Council was satisfied that these developments will contribute a great deal in the improvement of the transportation infrastructure of the Province, which is critical in reducing costs of doing business and in attracting investments.

2. Key Executive Council Decisions

3.1 Inkululeko Development Projects II (Cwaka, uMsinga)

Following on the success of Inkululeko Development Project in Ndumo, the Executive Council approved in principle that Inkululeko II in Cwaka, the tiny rural town of Msinga in the uMzinyathi District Municipality. These projects are aimed at creating a sustainable rural service centre that provides high quality infrastructure and integrated service centre; and in line with our government's priority of Rural Development and Sustainable Livelihoods.

3.2 Report on Transformation Profile of the Provincial Administration

The Executive Council received a report on the situational analysis with regard to gender equity, most particularly women at Senior Management Level within KZN Provincial Departments. The Executive Council directed that Heads of Department must comply with National target of 50% females employed at Senior Management level, by prioritising the filling of existing and future vacated Senior Management posts with females until the 50% target is achieved.

3.3 Progress report and termination of section 139(1) (a) Constitutional intervention at Mtubatuba Municipality

The Executive Council approved the termination of the section 139(1)(a) of the Constitution with regard to Mtubatuba Local Municipality. This follows the election of the new Council.

3.4 Status Report on the Remuneration of *Izinduna*

The Executive Council approved the recommendation that *Izinduna* be paid a stipend of R1,300.00 per month, while the Province deals with the issue of budget provision for the payment of salaries of *Izinduna* as recommended by the Independent Commission on the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers.

3. Executive Council's Position on Current Issues

4.1 Report on murder of the Municipal Manager of Indaka Local Municipality

The Executive Council noted the report on the murder of Mr. Khedari Sinatra Khumalo and the atmosphere at Indaka Local Municipality. The Executive Council condemned this killing and expressed its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Municipal Manager. The Executive Council further approved a recommendation to have a provincial intervention in terms of Section 139 (1) B of the Constitution at Indaka Municipality. In this regard, Mr MM Sithole was appointed as Ministerial representative.

4.2 Passing away of the former State President of India, HE Mr. A.P. Kalam

The Executive Council was informed of the passing way of former President of India, His Excellency Mr. A.P.J. Kalam. The Executive Council expressed its condolences to the people of India for this loss. Members of the Executive Council were encouraged to offer messages of Condolences to the Consulate General of India.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS

- The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council on AIDS will meet on 05 August 2015, at Greys Hospital Recreational Hall, Pietermaritzburg

- Women's Parliament will be held on 13-14 August 2015 at Khomba Sports Grounds in KwaMaphumulo Local Municipality. This will be held under the theme - "*Women United in Moving South Africa Forward*".
- The Executive Council will hold its Lekgotla on 19-21 August 2015.
- 2015 KwaZulu-Natal Football Indaba - The Provincial Department of Sport and Recreation in partnership with the South African Football Association (SAFA) will host the KwaZulu-Natal Football Indaba from 4-6 September 2015 in Ilembe Municipality.

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