

MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT WITH EXECUTIVE MAYORS OF METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES

Theme: Improving Intergovernmental Relations and Strengthening Contracting for Good Governance, Financial Sustainability and Reliable Service Provision in Metropolitan Municipalities – *“Every Municipality Must Work”*

PROGRAMME

 20 MARCH 2026  08:00 – 14:00  Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference

Time	Programme Item	Presenter
08:00– 09:00	Arrival and Registration	
08:00 – 09:30	CLOSED SESSION: PART 1: BRIEFING SESSION BETWEEN MINISTER COGTA & METROPOLITAN MAYORS	
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: CLLR B STOFILE- PRESIDENT: SALGA		
09:30 – 09:40	Opening & Welcome	Cllr Nkosindiphile Xhakaza: Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor
09:40 – 10:00	Keynote Adress	Mr Velenkosini Hlabisa: Minister: Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs
10:00 – 10:20	National Overview: State of Metropolitan Municipalities	Dr Namane Dickson Masemola: Deputy Minister: Cooperative Governance
10:20 – 10:30	Overview of Presidential Working Groups – lessons learned	Mr Khule Duma – Director: Project Management Office - Presidency
10:30 – 10:40	Overview: Metro Trading Services	Ms Sibongile Mazibuko: Programme Manager: Cities Support Programme - National Treasury
10:40 – 10:50	Overview of White Paper on Local Government	Dr Kevin Naidoo: Deputy Director-General: Department of Cooperative Governance
PART 2: PLENARY: COLLECTIVE REFLECTIONS ON PRESSURE POINTS WITH EXECUTIVE MAYORS:		
10:50 – 13:10	Theme 1: District Development Model & Intergovernmental Collaboration Theme 2: Audit Outcomes, Governance & Financial Sustainability Theme 3: Lessons Learnt and emerging Best Practices from Presidential Working Groups Theme 4: Metro Trading Reforms & Infrastructure Investment	Executive Mayors Interactive Session and Engagement - Facilitated by Prof Andrew Borrairie
PART 3: OUTCOMES & WAY FORWARD		
13:10 – 13:40	Summary of Key Outcomes and Commitments	Mr M Tshangana: Director-General: Cooperative Governance Facilitator
13:40 – 13:50	Closing Remarks and Way Forward	Mr Velenkosini Hlabisa: Minister: Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs
13:50 – 14:00	Vote of Thanks	Mr Jacob Mamabolo: MEC: Gauteng COGTA
14:00	LUNCH BREAK	

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