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NEWLY RECOGNISED LEADERS INDUCTED

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) held a two-day session to induct newly recognised traditional leaders in Butterworth, last week. The objective of the induction was to ensure that all newly recognised traditional leaders are empowered to understand their roles and responsibilities, code of conduct and administrative obligations.



The session also introduced other stakeholder institutions that have an interest in working with traditional leaders for mutual benefit, said Ms Nosintu Quma from Rural Development Facilitation.

"The legislation requires that Traditional Councils (TC) play a significant role in the development of their communities by mobilising resources. Traditional Leaders are expected to support



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municipalities in facilitating community involvement in the development planning processes,” said Ms Quma.

She added that traditional leaders should communicate community needs to municipalities and other spheres of government and also recommend appropriate interventions bring about service delivery and promote indigenous knowledge systems for sustainable development and disaster management.

Ms Nomsa Mabanga, Director for Traditional Leadership and Capacity Building said the Provincial government may adopt measures as may be necessary to support and strengthen the capacity of Kingships and Queenship Councils and TC.

She said a resolution must be taken by the TC to open bank accounts including nominating three signatories comprising of the head of the TC, secretary and other members.

Mr Siyabonga Mguzulwa from Disaster Management said the role of traditional leaders in Disaster Management is to be critical stakeholders during Disaster Advisory Forum meetings which serve as a body to coordinate actions on matters relating to disaster management.

“We encourage them to provide guidance in the development of early warning systems by incorporating indigenous knowledge. Traditional leaders must also be of assistance during disaster situations to identify victims, search and rescue operations and identify vulnerable groups,” said Mr Mguzulwa.

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