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END OF FIRST TERM OF LOCAL HOUSES



Front row L-R: Nkosi Langa Mavuso, MEC Nqatha, Nkosi Mpumalanga Gwadiso and Nkosi Zwelizolile Toyise. Back row L-R: Nkosi Nkosinathi Jezile, Nkosi **name** Ngwekazi, Nkosi Nzululwazi Sigcawu and Nkosi Tsipamo Sejosengoe.

By Vuyani Sibene

Last week MEC CoGTA, Xolile Nqatha hosted a Gala Dinner in Mthatha to mark the end of the first term of the Local Houses of Traditional Leaders (LHTL) on 30 April 2022. The term started in 2017.



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Outlining the business of the evening, the Deputy Director General (DDG) for Traditional Affairs Mr Thandabantu Gwebindlala said the event was meant to account for the budget allocated to the LHTL with regards to social welfare and rural development projects.

“We are here to also acknowledge and appreciate the members for the role they played during their term. This is important because these were the first members for the Local Houses established in 2017,” said Mr Gwebindlala.

Delivering the message of support, the Acting Chairperson of the EC House of Traditional Leaders, Nkosi Langa Mavuso said: “We should look at the projects of the traditional leaders and how they should be profiled. We have challenges with traditional initiation and hope to have more budget for monitoring purposes,” said Nkosi Mavuso.

Also speaking at the dinner, Nkosikazi Nomandla Mhlauli Chairperson for the National House of Traditional and Khoi San Leaders applauded the outgoing members for starting Houses from scratch where there was nothing.

“Delivering the keynote address, MEC for Cogta Xolile Nqatha commended the members for good work done and that the “sod has been turned courageously forging ahead.”

“You have actually laid the foundation for the Local Houses and we thank you for that contribution. I hope this road we have started will contribute towards building better rural communities.”