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#### **MEDIA STATEMENT:**

#### **KZN COGTA MEC HLOMUKA URGES COUNCILLORS TO USE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MODEL TO RESPOND TO NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES\***

KZN MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Siphon Hlomuka has called on councillors across the province to use the District Development Model as a tool to better respond to the needs of communities. Hlomuka made the call during an engagement with Harry Gwala DDM political hub, which took in Ixopo today.

The hub which met for the first time in the new year provided an opportunity for all mayors within the district to constructively engage with the work of the various government clusters centred on development.

“As the proponents of this new model of service delivery-oriented governance, we believe that the DDM provides the framework our municipalities sorely need to tackle their mounting challenges,” said Hlomuka.

Speaking during the engagement, Harry Gwala District Mayor Cllr Zamo Nxumalo said that it is vital that councillors understand and practice the principles of the DDM to fast-track service delivery in the district.

“As we gather here today, it is not about talking about positions we have or our political status but it is about knowing and understanding the DDM so that we can practice it in order to make sure that we fast-track the much needed service delivery to our communities,” said Nxumalo.

Today's engagement also gave practical expression to how national and provincial government should support and strengthen the capacity of municipalities to manage their own affairs and perform their functions.

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