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Attention: News Editors

TAKING LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE CONTINUES IN EMALAHLENI WITH THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The 13th of March 2018 marked the second day of the programme of "Taking the Legislature to the People" in the Emalahleni Local Municipality's Sy Mthimunye Stadium in Ackerville.

The day kicked off with the People's Assembly, a platform created by the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature in celebration of 20 years of the Constitution and since the inception of the National Council of Provinces.

The members of the public were treated to a keynote address delivered by Advocate Mohammed Bhabha. Adv. Bhabha who was part of the Codesa negotiating team and Constitutional Assembly started by giving background of the process of crafting the document that is today the supreme law of the Republic of South Africa (Constitution). He mentioned the hurdles and the tests that characterised the creation of what was to be later counted amongst the best constitutions in the world.

He further touched on the democratic and constitutional values and the important role they have in the lives of the people. Adv. Bhabha indicated that in order to measure whether our constitution works or not, South Africans should take cue from the recall of state Presidents through the use of constitutional processes. Reference was made to the case of Louise Luyt vs the late Dr Nelson Mandela as some of the good signs of a Constitutional Democracy.

An opportunity was presented for the public to make inputs, and they took full advantage of the platform to raise service delivery issues at most. The issues raised varied from the high rate of youth unemployment regardless of a lot of mining companies within Emalahleni, high municipal services rates that keep increasing not taking into consideration that most of the unemployed people cannot afford, poor road infrastructure with too many potholes, the malfunctioning sewage systems that are a health hazard, lack of scholar transport for learners travelling long distances to schools, youth not benefitting from government programmes elders who are still living in the mud houses and allegedly not being considered for RDP houses and empty service delivery promises always made by local Councillors but not fulfilled.



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Over and above an appeal was made for the Legislature to ensure that participatory democracy is practical and not part of the talk shops.

There were also inputs from the representatives from SANCO, Labour, Women and Youth.

In the afternoon the programme continued with the Economic and Social cluster of Committees of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature undertaking oversight visits to government institutions and government funded projects in Emalahleni areas. The aim of the visits was to monitor and check progress on the work of the projects.

The Economic cluster visited the Duvha Primary School Construction and Ogies and Phola SAPS Police stations, whilst the Social cluster paid visits to Phola Youth Centre, OR Tambo Maths, Science and Technology Academy and the Ogies clinic to close off the programme of the day.

Look out for more updates as the week progresses.

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