

SAVE TOMORROW TODAY

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality To Host Climate Change Summit



Bojanala Platinum District Municipality

31st August to 2nd September 2011
Where? Rustenburg Civic Centre



Minister of Department of Environmental Affairs, Mme Edna Molewa



North West Premier Thandi Modise



Cllr. Louis Diremelo, Mayor of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality



MEC Tebogo Modise



Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr Mpho Khunou

The North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism is hosting a Climate Change Summit from the 31st of August – 2nd September 2011, at the Rustenburg Civic Centre under the leadership of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality.

The summit is a build-up to the International conference on COP17 that will be hosted by South Africa from the 28th November to the 9th December 2011 in Durban. The Provincial summit will serve as a platform in which the province engages its stakeholders to solicit inputs towards responding to challenges faced with the impacts of climate change.

The objectives of the summit are as follows:

- To integrate and consolidate contribution to national preparations for the COP17;
- To agree on a road map for the North West response strategy on climate change; and
- To identify viable projects to support the implementation of the Green Economy in the North West.

According to the report released by the National Department of Environmental Affairs on the 26th of October 1999, on the National State of the Environment Report, it was determined that the main contributions to climate change include energy industries (56%); transport (18%); and agriculture, forestry & fishing (5.6%).

The key vulnerable sectors have been identified as water, agriculture, plant- and animal biodiversity and human health. Amongst the guest speakers at the summit is the Minister of Department of Environmental Affairs, Mme Edna Molewa, North West Premier Thandi Modise and a representative for the School of Physical and Chemical Science for the North West University.

The Department led by MEC Tebogo Modise, together with the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality led by Executive Mayor Cllr. Louis Diremelo will continue with raising awareness. The goal is to mobilise citizens to better understand climate change issues and minimise activities that impact negatively on the environment. Green Fridays will be launched under the theme: "Save Tomorrow Today". Different activities have been planned across all four districts of the North West Province and municipalities, through their mayors, will actively participate in this initiative.

The MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism, Tebogo Modise, encouraged participants to explore ways of combating climate change. She said: "Today, we are meeting to map out ways and means to position our people in a manner that will ensure, they are not hit hard by the resulting effect of climate change."

