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## **City of Johannesburg Celebrates Global Ethics Day with Pledge Ceremony**

The City of Johannesburg commemorated Global Ethics Day yesterday (16 October 2024) with a special pledge signing ceremony, reinforcing its dedication to ethical leadership and integrity within public service.

The event was spearheaded by the Speaker of Council, Cllr N. Mthembu and welcomed a distinguished lineup of guests, including former Minister Ms. Lindiwe Sisulu, City Integrity Commissioner Advocate Ntebe, Gauteng Province Public Service Commissioner Mr. Mavuso, and Integrity Commissioner for the Gauteng Legislature Ms. Mashego.

Additional contributors included Prof. A. Wort from the University of Johannesburg and Dr. Hoogenraad-Vermaak from the Department of Public Service and Administration, all underscoring the vital role of ethics in public service.

During the opening remarks, Programme Director Mr. Mlandu Kona highlighted that Global Ethics Day serves as a reminder to do what is right, even when no one is watching. This sentiment was echoed by all speakers, who unanimously recognised ethics as the cornerstone of effective public service.

Also in attendance was Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Dada Morero, as well as Executive Mayor of the Junior Council, Cllr Malekane, alongside Junior Council Speaker Ms. Dlamini.

The ceremony underscored the city's unwavering commitment to ethical leadership, emphasising the need for public servants to maintain honesty, accountability, and dedication to the communities they serve.

Global Ethics Day is part of a worldwide initiative that advocates for integrity, core principles, and strong values.

The city Integrity Commissioner Advocate Ntebe remarked on the trust the people of Johannesburg have placed in their current leadership, emphasising the importance for leaders to maintain that trust through fairness, resolve, and consistency.

The event culminated in a pledge signing, led by the Speaker of Council and followed by the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, affirming their collective commitment to uphold the highest ethical standards in public service.

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