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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MAYORAL LEKGOTLA ADVANCES FIRM COMMITMENTS ON SERVICE DELIVERY, FISCAL RECOVERY, AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Under the leadership of Executive Mayor Councillor Dada Morero, the City of Johannesburg hosted a two-day Mayoral Lekgotla at DP World Wanderers Stadium in Illovo, Sandton. The Lekgotla brought together key stakeholders from government, business, labour, civil society, and strategic partners to develop a forward-thinking and sustainable vision for the city's future. The Lekgotla convened the Executive Mayor, Deputy Executive Mayor, Members of the Mayoral Committee, the Speaker of Council, Chair of Chairs, Chief Whip, City Manager, Extended Executive Management Team, and chairpersons of boards.

The programme further included representatives from government, business, civil society, and organised labour. It served as a platform for candid, solution-oriented dialogue on Johannesburg's challenges and opportunities. Attendees considered the City's financial position, infrastructure needs, governance reforms, economic development potential, digital transformation, and service delivery strategies. The Executive Mayor stressed that Johannesburg's challenges demand a unified, coordinated political and administrative response.

Executive Mayor Morero emphasised, "Johannesburg has the vision, the plans, and the people. The time has come for disciplined action, clear accountability, and measurable results."

National government leaders—including the Minister of Trade and Industry, Parks Tau; the Minister of Public Service and Administration, Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi; the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Dr. Dickson Masemola; the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, David Mahlobo; the Deputy Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Bernice Swarts; representatives from the National Treasury; Silas Zimu, Advisor to the Minister of Energy and Electricity; and the South African Cities Network—emphasized the critical importance of partnership and intergovernmental collaboration.

Their insights underscored the importance of collaboration, infrastructure reform, financial sustainability, and a capable, professional city administration. Business and development finance leaders reiterated Johannesburg's role as the nation's economic engine. They stressed that investor confidence hinges on infrastructure reliability, public safety, regulatory certainty, and visible implementation of City plans. Civil society representatives called for transparent governance, community engagement, and tangible improvements in basic services. Organised labour groups emphasised the value of professional, motivated, and accountable administration.

The Lekgotla produced the following key outcomes:

- Accelerated service delivery across water, electricity, roads, waste, and public lighting
- Commitment to fiscal recovery and strong financial management

- Renewed focus on infrastructure reform and maintenance
- Support for inclusive economic growth and investment facilitation
- Strengthened by-law enforcement and governance oversight
- Alignment of planning, budgeting, and performance monitoring
- Empowerment of the City Manager and administration to drive implementation

The Lekgotla will conclude on Monday, with a final focus on the Integrated Development Plan, the budget, tariffs, and the necessary processes for adoption. This phase will consolidate political direction, administrative readiness, and the remaining steps required to ensure that the final IDP and budget are coherent, fully funded, implementable, and aligned with the priorities identified during the Lekgotla. Public participation on the City's Integrated Development Plan and budget process remains open until 18 May 2026, with final Council approval set for 27 May 2026.

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