



## Mopani's top female farmers honoured



**Councillor Masilo Maloko, the MMC for Agriculture in the Mopani District Municipality delivering the keynote address.**



**Matilda Mthavini, the winner in the category of Best Subsistence Farmer and the overall winner for the 2018 Female Entrepreneur Award accepts the prizes from Councillor Masilo Maloko and the Department of Agriculture's District Director, Harry Maboja.**

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Mopani District hosted the Female Entrepreneur Awards at Namakgale, in the Ba-Phalaborwa municipal area on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

The Female Entrepreneur of the Year Awards was initiated in 2009 with the aim of encouraging the participation of women in agriculture and also to recognize their efforts and contributions they are making in addressing challenges around food security, job creation and poverty alleviation.

Speaking during the event, Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Agriculture, Cllr Masilo Maloko emphasised that agriculture can be able to make a dent in contributing to the target set in the National Development Plan.

Maloko also highlighted that government has continuous engagement with traditional leaders asking them to make land available for the emerging farmers farming in communities. "Government has over the past years initiated a number of programmes aimed at assisting emerging farmers, in line with our land reform program. We continue to engage with our traditional leaders to ensure that communal land under the trusteeship of traditional leaders is accessible and made available for development and economic growth." Said MMC Maloko.

He further said that the district municipality will support initiatives that contribute to food security in the district. "We are pleased as a district municipality to see women taking it upon themselves to create work for themselves and providing food for our communities. Government has a responsibility to lend a hand and support such efforts. We are acknowledging the effort made these women who are doing their best in producing their products despite some of them facing water challenges". The overall winner Mathilda Mthavini will represent the district during the provincial awards to be held in Vhembe later this week.



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## MDM HOLD STAKEHOLDER'S FORUM



The Mopani District Municipality Stakeholder's Forum has been held at the Disaster Management Centre in Tzaneen on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. The aim of the forum is to coordinate the work of stakeholders dealing with service delivery points across the district.

The department of Home Affairs acting district director Thandi Khuvutlu has made a presentation on how far the department has gone in issuing smart ID cards to applicants at all its offices across the district. Khuvutlu has also highlighted the strides that are being made by the department ahead of the 2019 general elections. She raised concerns over thousands of smart cards that are not being collected in the department's offices.

The forum will seek support from other stakeholders to raise awareness around issues of birth registration within 30 days as per legislation. She also cautioned government employees against employing undocumented citizens as domestic workers.

The district municipality will also host a two-day Ward Committee Conference from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 at Karibu Leisure Resort outside Tzaneen.

### MDM WOMEN CELEBRATE WOMEN'S DAY IN GIYANI

The Mopani District Municipality will be holding the women's month celebrations on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. Female employees and councillors will be attending the event to be held at the Giyani Multipurpose Centre, in the Greater Giyani Municipality. The actual celebrations were held in various parts of the country on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August as a way of commemorating the 1956 national march of women. The march to the Union Buildings by over 20 000 women was to petition against legislation that required Africans to carry their "pass" and those who failed to do so were eventually arrested by the brutal apartheid police. About 250 Mopani District Municipality employees are being given an opportunity to honour the women who participated in the historic march. This year's celebrations are being held under the theme, "100 years of Albertina Sisulu, Women of Fortitude; Women United in moving South Africa Forward." The Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale will deliver a key note address. Members of the Mayoral Committee and other councillors will be among those who will be attending the event.





**100 YEARS OF ALBERTINA SISULU:**

*Woman of Fortitude*

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**The Executive Mayor**  
*Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale*  
**cordially invites:**

**to the District Women's Month Celebration**

**Date: 17 August 2018**

**Venue: Giyani Multi-Purpose Centre**

**Time: 10h00**

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