

## **MDM News Flash**

The Management Committee of Mopani District Municipality (MDM) sacrificed their weekend leisure and family time and went to an official retreat to discuss the projects of the municipality at what they call Management Projects Lekgotla from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2009 at Crystal Springs in Pilgrimø Rest.

The Municipal Manager, Mr MT Maake said that the aim of Project Lekgotla is ðfor the Office of the Municipal Manager to provide strategic leadership in the development of MDM plans, namely, Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget and Service Delivery Budget and Implementation Plan (SDBIP). This will ensure that the municipal plans are well informed and detailed to specifications that will assist management to account to Council accurately. Thus enabling Council to consult easily with the public in the planning process and account diligently on service deliveryö

At the workshop, members of management were led by IDP, Performance Management System (PMS) and Finance Department. The IDP presented the projects as reflected in the 2008/2011 Multi-Year IDP and the PMS unit assisted directorates to propose their project within the project management format. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) took members through the budgeting processes and requirements to ensure that the budgets are realistic and practical. Participants had an opportunity to test the Project Management Tool that the municipality is piloting as a first step towards running an in-house Performance Management System.

This session is intended that the inputs in the IDP review processes are informed and ultimately realise a goal of æffective planning and efficient implementation of projectsøin the words of the Municipal Manager.