

SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AT LAUNCH OF THE PROVINCIAL LEARNING NETWORK.

Premier; MECs; Distinguished Guests & Colleagues.

We are gathered here this morning to inaugurate the Free State Provincial Learning Network. It gives me great pleasure this morning to welcome you all to this important occasion.

I would especially like to acknowledge the presence of the Senior Managers from the Ministry of Public Service and Administration, Delegates from other Provincial governments. We are indeed privileged to have you in the Free State, specifically in Bloemfontein to witness and be part of this essential event. You are all welcome and I guarantee that you will experience the warmth and hospitality of this City of Roses.

The primary reason why we are gathered here, as I stated earlier is to launch the Provincial Learning Network. This initiative presents a challenge to us as government to work hard at enhancing the standards of services, which we are obligated to provide. We need to do all we can to achieve the vision of reconstruction and development.

Improved service delivery is one of the cornerstones of our government's policy in pursuit of the development of our country. Without efficient and effective service delivery strategies, the vision of a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic society enshrined in the constitution will not be realised.

This gathering presents a platform for various role-players from sectors such as Government, Business, Education, the Non- Governmental Organisations as well as the public to cooperate and to develop an integrated approach towards the provision of proficient service delivery.

Various government departments have played a crucial role in ensuring that we all develop and implement strategies aimed at innovative service delivery.

Today's discussions will deliberate on finding concerted efforts and exchanging ideas on issues around service delivery. We will share best practices in order to improve the quality of our services. This is important if we are to eradicate poverty and overcome challenges facing us. I sincerely hope that our deliberations here will bear fruits and be mutually beneficial to both our government and its people.

Thank You.