



DSAC IN STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

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THE RANCH: The top management of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture had its strategic planning. History was made as this strategic planning included all stakeholders of the department including statutory bodies and non- statutory bodies.

The session was intended to review progress made, set new goals, re-prioritise and allocate resources according to the departmental priorities. During the official opening of the session, it was emphasised that Annual Performance Plan is a prerequisite for a budget plan. This will enable the department to have an operational plan which will work effectively, hence the government follows an activity based budgeting. Budget costing is based on operational plan. It was further emphasised that the department need to plan properly as poor planning can lead to inadequately funded programmes and projects because there will be no link between planning and budget.

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms. Onicca Moloï Mme urged the management to start collaborating with other institutions for a good cause and also provide feedback which is currently lacking within the department. She further emphasised the importance of treating clients with respect in line with 'Batho Pele' principles. "As a Department we need to improve in terms of how we give feedback to our clients. We need to treat departmental clients with respect and dignity for a better service delivery" said MEC.

"We need to work together, develop a very practical and creative strategy that will enable the department to work well with the creative industry which will in turn create jobs for the young people in Limpopo" said MEC.

The MEC urged the house to ensure that there is transformation in sport. She said sporting codes such as chess, swimming, rugby and cricket are dominated by one sector of the population in the country. "Federations should be given space to work and the responsibility of the department will be to give support. We need random recreational activities within the rural areas. The participation of communities in sport will create a healthy nation. We must be a department of result oriented. We need to take care of our clients, athletes, artists, etc." the MEC said.



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