

REPORT ON THE 2019 YOUTH PARLIAMENT

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	RESOLUTION	PROGRESS REPORT
<p>DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS</p>	<p>1. Noting that the Department has not established a Youth Directorate;</p> <p>It was resolved that the Department should establish a fully - fledged Youth Directorate by September 2019 with clear programmes instead of a Sub-Directorate as it is cumbersome to have multi sub - directorates. The Department must ensure that all municipalities have youth portfolios and Chairpersons per Municipality. There must be an independent Portfolio Committee which will champion youth issues within the Municipality Caucus.</p> <p>It was further resolved that all departments must include Youth Directorates in their organograms by October 2019. Municipalities must also have these Youth Directorates by October 2019.</p>	<p>The Department has a Sub-Directorate: Youth Support at Deputy Director level within the Public Participation Unit.</p> <p>The Department is in the process of finalising its establishment of the new Directorate: Youth, Gender and Disability. All internal processes to get the directorate established have been followed. Feedback is currently awaited from the DPSA.</p> <p>This resolution has also been communicated to all municipalities and whilst all municipalities have a functional youth office, most municipalities have cited financial constraints as a reason for not having youth directorates.</p>

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DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS	<p>2. Noting that the Department has Youth Offices in some of the municipalities;</p> <p>It was resolved that the Department should ensure that the office has an adequate budget and at least 3 officials who are well capacitated to focus on sustainable youth development programmes.</p>	<p>The department does not have youth offices in municipalities, as municipalities are a separate sphere of government. Notwithstanding the above, municipalities have dedicated officials who are performing youth development functions. Municipalities have also been advised of these resolutions but cited financial constraints as a reason for not having at least 3 officials who are well capacitated to focus on sustainable youth development programmes.</p>
	<p>3. Noting that the Department provides an internship programme which assists the youth;</p> <p>It was resolved that the Department should provide sustainable and permanent job opportunities for the youth who have completed their internships.</p>	<p>The COGTA internship programme resulted in the recruitment of 500 graduates which have been allocated to municipalities across the province in order to capacitate them and to respond to the challenges experienced by communities. The official handover was done on the 20th February 2020. It is believed that the programme will contribute in exposing interns to the municipal space.</p> <p>The programme which is championed by the Expanded Public Works Programme, under the Department's Municipal Local Economic Development Support Chief Directorate, is part of an ongoing process which is meant to re-engineer and repurpose the sphere of local government in the province.</p>

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DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS	<p>4. Noting that the Department provide bursaries for scarce skills to unemployed youth;</p> <p>It was resolved that the Department should provide a detailed explanation on why those programmes or qualifications are regarded as scarce skills. The Department should also form partnership with the Department of Education to host a career exhibition.</p>	<p>The Department compiles a Human Resources Plan which is approved by the MEC. The Plan is in accordance with the prescripts and formats as determined for the DPSA. In that Plan, an analysis is undertaken of what resources are required for the Department to deliver on its mandate, as well as what the skills gaps are. This is an important determinant on what the scarce skills are. COGTA is mindful that it cannot only look inward as a Department in respect of scarce skills but must also look at the local governance/municipal sector. Consequently, the Department uses the National List of Occupations in High Demand as well as the KZN Priority Skills Lists in determining which skills sets will be addressed via the awarding of Bursaries. The Skills List is also approved by the MEC.</p> <p>The Office of the Premier conducted Youth Development roadshows across the province and COGTA participated in the roadshows.</p>
	<p>5. Noting the lack of some municipalities in providing business opportunities to the youth;</p> <p>It was resolved that the Department should provide a list of municipalities that have revised 30% of business opportunities awarded to the youth. It was further</p>	<p>This resolution was communicated to all municipalities and COGTA is also monitoring the progress of municipal commitments through the Speakers Forum as this is a standing item on the Agenda.</p>

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DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS	resolved that the Department must ensure that all municipalities include the 30% policy of opportunities awarded to youth.	
	<p>6. Noting that the legislative frameworks (MFMA and PFMA) are not accommodative of the youth development;</p> <p>It was resolved that Departments should ensure that these legislative frameworks are revised to be inclusive of youth development.</p>	<p>The national framework for the National Youth Policy 2020-30 is currently being reviewed and the department is in the process of developing a Youth Development Strategy. Both these frameworks are inclusive and seek to advance the youth development agenda that will dovetail with existing legislative frameworks.</p>
	<p>7. Noting that young people are not afforded opportunity to lead in governance and that COGTA has a duty to perform oversight on municipalities;</p> <p>The Commission resolved that the Department should include young people on oversight functions which require scarce skills like Risk management, ICT governance, spatial planning and town planning. COGTA should review how Youth Councils are elected and represented.</p>	<p>The department has employed Risk Management Officers, ICT Officers and Managers which are within the category of youth and has a portion of young people in the Planning Unit.</p> <p>Currently, the department has amended the existing terms of reference for the election and functions and duties of Youth Councils. This is done in collaboration with the Office of the Premier.</p>

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TRANSVERSAL RESOLUTIONS	8. All provincial government should have youth directorates by October 2019.	<p>The Department has a Sub-Directorate: Youth Support at Deputy Director level within the Public Participation Unit.</p> <p>The Department is in the process of finalising its establishment of the new Directorate: Youth, Gender and Disability. The department has finalized the internal processes to get directorate established. DPSA has received the department's request, a response is awaiting.</p>
	9. Youth directorates should not be placed in the ministry but should be located at the administration level by October 2019.	The existing Sub-Directorate: Youth is located under the Public Participation Directorate. The proposed Directorate: Youth, Gender and Disability will also be located under the Public Participation Chief Directorate.
	10. Youth directorates for all departments to be in the organogram headed by Youth Director with 3 Deputy Directors.	The Department is in the process of finalising its organisational structure which will include the aspect of the creation of a Unit to deal with youth matters.
	11. Youth directorates should not be linked with women, special programmes and people with disabilities.	The Department is in the process of finalising its organisational structure which will include the aspect of the creation of a Unit to deal with youth matters.

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DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS	12.The Premier's Office should ensure that all provincial departments are implementing the establishments of youth directorates.	N/A
	13.Premier's Office should ensure the adoption of provincial youth strategy by October 2019.	N/A
	14.KZN Growth Fund to continue with all departments contributing and include mentorship and entrepreneurship programme for the beneficiaries.	N/A
	15.All local youth municipalities to ensure there is an existence of youth office which is fully functional.	All municipalities have a Youth office that is functional and COGTA monitors the functionality on a regular basis.
	16.Local youth offices should be staffed with managers and 3 full time officers.	This resolution was communicated to all municipalities however they have cited financial constraints as a reason for not having Youth managers and 3 full time officers.

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DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS	17.Youth developments should be a stand-alone portfolio with its chairperson seating in the executive level.	This resolution was communicated to all municipalities.
	18.Ensure all municipalities IDPs include youth development agenda.	This resolution was communicated to all municipalities. Currently, 46 municipal IDPs have planned programmes to promote skills and youth development and the remaining municipalities are being supported to include youth development agenda.
	19.There should be enough budget of not less than 5% of the total budget of the municipality allocated to youth programmes.	This resolution was communicated to all municipalities and COGTA is also monitoring the progress of municipal commitments through the Speakers Forum, as this is a standing item on the Agenda.
	20.Municipalities should ensure that 30% is set aside and legislated to ensure the implementation of youth programmes. COGTA to facilitate the implementation of this by December 2019.	This resolution was communicated to all municipalities and COGTA is also monitoring the progress of municipal commitments through the Speakers Forum, as this is a standing item on the Agenda.
	21.All Accounting Officers from provincial departments and local municipalities performance agreements to include youth development agenda in the 2019/20 financial year.	The Performance Agreement for the Accounting Officer for 2019/20 financial year was finalized in April 2019. Notwithstanding, youth matters have been prioritized in the activities undertaken by the Department such as the deployment of 500 graduates to municipalities as alluded

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