

Seporo's rail for green revolution

Seporo Masemola, the newly appointed Director for Community Services is entrusted with the task of holding a bull by its horn as far as environmental sustainability of the District is concerned. As part of his first port of call Masemola was entrusted with the process of adoption of the District's Integrated Environmental Management Plan (DIEMP).

Seporo who is a passionate environmental activist and a campaigner against the District's footprint of carbon emissions, will now be fully answerable to the way the District responds to the bigger picture of climate change.

As a game-changer to the District's responses to climate change he spearheaded the production of awareness material on the greening efforts across the District through the Talafatšo information products.

is conserved and well managed.

“Meeting these responsibilities is especially demanding given the inequitable development patterns and the variety of environmental contexts that exist in the district. We have introduced the integrated environmental management planning as a roadmap for the management of the scarce environmental resources and impacts that emanate from the development of these resources” Masemola said



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Masemola will be looked upon to turn his passion for the environment into a solid campaign of ensuring that SDM is adhering to the relevant environmental legislation whilst synchronizing the management of the green and the brown issues by the five local municipalities and itself.

In an interview with Sekhukhune.com he opined that the District Municipality has a key role to play in addressing the social and economic needs while ensuring the resource base upon which the life depends

He added that the plan was developed from the involvement of interested and affected parties, affected by the responsible authority, in ensuring the protection of its citizens while perusing economic development. This, he said, will be achieved with emphasis that consultation with the other regulatory authority and sectors is pivotal in ensuring association with the plan for proper integration.

He said the plan was set on the basis upon which the development of the SDM environment policy and the SDM State of Environment Report. He added that this policy will be important in guiding the other specific ecosystem plans with and ultimate development of its State of Environmental Report for SDM.

“The developed environment project processes and matrices will allow for the ease of development of development of the other plans that will include air quality management plan, biodiversity management plan, environmental health management plan, water management plan and green economics plan whilst aligning the developed integrated waste management plan. These plans will culminate into a detailed and updated integrated environmental management plan that will be in tandem with the changing environment of the district” he added

He concluded that in his office will be hands-on in terms of operationalisation of the plan with view of the adopting a structure that will have to be supported by the workplans developed from the generated projects during the workshops with the five local municipalities.