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### **NORTH WEST DELEGATION ATTENDS THE 12TH EDITION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM (WUF12) IN CAIRO, EGYPT**

The Minister of Human Settlements, Mmamoloko Kubayi, led South Africa's national delegation at the 12th edition of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) in Cairo, Egypt. Minister Kubayi was joined by the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) of the North West Province, Mr. Gaoage Oageng Molapisi, as well as key officials from the North West Provincial Government, including the Head of the Department for Human Settlements, Ms. Kgomotso Mahlobo, and the CEO of the North West Housing Corporation (NWHC), Bishop Sello Mogodiri.

The event, which took place from 04 to 08 November 2024, brought together experts, policymakers, and urban planners from around the world to discuss innovative solutions to the challenges posed by rapid urbanisation, with a particular focus on building resilient, sustainable, and inclusive human settlements.

The World Urban Forum, convened by UN-Habitat, is a global platform that addresses urbanisation's growing impact on communities, cities, economies, and policies. The forum has been instrumental in bringing together a wide range of voices to develop strategies that promote sustainable urban development. This year's theme focused on "Addressing the Multiple Challenges of Urbanisation," underscoring the importance of integrating environmental, social, and economic policies to create cities that are more livable, sustainable, and equitable for all inhabitants.

In attending WUF12, the North West Provincial Government's delegation aimed to leverage the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogues about the development of human settlements and housing solutions that align with South Africa's National Development Plan (NDP). The NDP envisions sustainable, well-managed urban and

rural settlements, with a strong emphasis on affordable and quality housing for all citizens, particularly in underserved and fast-growing regions.

The North West Province is currently experiencing rapid urbanisation, particularly in its major cities, which has placed significant pressure on public infrastructure, housing development, and service delivery. The participation of the North West delegation at WUF12 was, therefore, critical in exploring the latest global best practices in sustainable urban planning and housing delivery.

The North West Human Settlements Department, through the NWHC, also looks to strengthen its capacity to deliver quality and affordable housing by learning from successful case studies and forging partnerships with international stakeholders. As the public entity tasked with the provision of housing in the province, NWHC's participation in WUF12 provides them with a platform to build partnerships, explore new funding opportunities, and learn from global trends in housing development.

The North West Provincial Government remains committed to creating human settlements that foster social cohesion, economic growth, and environmental sustainability in line with South Africa's broader development goals. The learnings and collaborations from WUF12 will be pivotal in guiding the province's strategies for housing development, urban planning, and infrastructure growth over the coming years.

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