

BLM 20th ANNUAL WARD COMMITTEES CONFERENCE | DAY 1

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has commended the ward committees for their hard work and dedication in serving communities. Mayor Thamaga further highlighted that the The Blouberg Local Municipality - BLM is today hailed champions of public participation throughout the country because of, amongst other things; the effectiveness of its ward committees system.

The Mayor was delivering the opening remarks at the 20th Annual Ward Committees Conference. The conference which is currently underway at Elephant Springs Hotel in Bela-Bela, (4-6 October) is held under the theme: "Two Decades of Unparalleled Public Participation Trajectory: The Journey Continues".

This critical municipal stakeholder was established in terms of the Local Government Municipal Structure's Act. It all started in 2003 with sixteen (16) wards, thirty-two(32) councillors and one-hundred-and-sixty(160) ward committees. To date the municipality boast 22 wards, 44 councillors and 220 ward committees. Each ward is manned by 10 committee members and are allocated various services delivery portfolios. For the previous 19 years , the municipality successfully convened the conference affording ward committees the opportunity to share their day-to-day challenges and success stories they come across as foot soldiers and a liaison between the Council and the community.

The conference is also attended by councillors, management, community development workers, traditional leaders, representatives from various government and private institutions as well as previous political management teams (PMTs) that played a pivotal role in shaping the municipal public participation service to its greater heights.

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