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***ATT: Editors/news reporters/producers***

### **BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY TO HOLD 17<sup>th</sup> WARD COMMITTEES' CONFERENCE**

Today Blouberg Municipality is hailed champion of public participation throughout the country because of, amongst others; the effectiveness of its ward committees system. Blouberg Municipality has always regarded its ward committees as the important mobilizing agent for community action.

The 22 wards translate into 220 ward committee members. Each ward is manned by 10 ward committee members who are selected from a broad range of interest groups that are most relevant to the key performance areas of the municipality and the government in general. The areas include services such as water and sanitation, electricity, housing, roads, storm-water and drainage, waste and environment and social services including health, safety and security among others.

The Blouberg Annual Ward Committees' Conference dates back from 2003 and has been running year after year without fail.

This year, 2019 the ward committees, The Council, Executive Management, Makgosi and other stakeholders will converge in Bela –Bela for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ward Committees' Conference to tackle issues of service delivery, how best they can work together to serve the community of Blouberg as well as sharing challenges and successes.

**DATE: 28-30 August 2019**

**VENUE: Miami Lodge , Polokwane**

The conference will be held under the theme: **“Rise of the New Dawn: the Ward Committees leading the charge towards the *khawuleza* trajectory .**