

Mayor advocates the Green Economy Debate to boost Local Economic Development.

“The municipality should open debate to discuss the issue of creating green jobs through recycling and total eradication of the landfill site as a strategy to boost local economic development.” These were the words of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Mayor, Councilor Yvonne Mmakola during her presentation of the budget for 2013/2014 financial year.

“We are faced with serious effect of climate change which directly affects municipalities and we all need to contribute towards its mitigation for present and future generations. This can be achieved through the creation of green jobs through recycling of all recyclable material. This includes bottles, paper, tins, waste food for manure, scrap metal etc. This will definitely boost the local economy as more people from the communities will be employed. This municipality should take a lead in coordinating communities to form cooperatives that will recycle material which in most cases goes to the landfill site. Municipalities in future will not need those landfill sites as every waste will be recycled as part of our commitment to contribute towards greener economy and mitigation of climate change”.

The municipality has in the past won greening awards by planting and encouraging communities to plant trees as part of their contribution to mitigating the effect of climate change. In 2012, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality won second place in Sekhukhune District in the Greenest municipality awards. As part of greening the municipality and contributing towards the green environment, the Ephraim Mogale local municipality has created an additional park in Marble Hall town and aim to roll out the project to rural villages in future. “We will continue to encourage communities to plant both indigenous and fruits trees to augment the food security and water management”, she concluded.

The Mayor delivered the budget of just over R202m for the financial year 2013/2014 which starts on the 1 July 2013.

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