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Dear Delegate

INVITATION TO THE iLGM NATIONAL STRATEGY CONFERENCE: 5-7 JUNE 2011

The Institute for Local Government Management of South Africa (iLGM) cordially invites you to a high-profile National Strategy Conference on **5-7 June 2011**. His Excellency the President of the Republic of South Africa Mr Jacob Zuma has been invited to grace the opening ceremony of the Conference with his presence as the keynote speaker and guest of honour. The venue of the Conference will be the **Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel, Durban**. The draft programme is attached for ease of reference.

The iLGM was formally established on 19 January 1997 following the dissolution of the erstwhile Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa and the Institute for Municipal Management. This was after protracted negotiations between the National Executive Council of the latter body and the National Working Committee representing the interests of the then emerging managers in local government.

Other key players in local government also took part in the negotiations, thereby making the process inclusive and extremely consultative. The negotiations led to an agreement which culminated in the formation of the all inclusive professional body the iLGM. From the onset the principles of accessibility, democracy, transformation, professionalism and representativity



guided the negotiation process. These principles were later enshrined in the constitution of iLGM.

The **vision** of iLGM is: "The iLGM aims to be the centre of excellence of local government management in South Africa and Africa." The **mission** is: "To promote excellence in local government management through the development and capacitation of managers in the sector and through lobbying of stakeholders and advocacy." The **motto** of iLGM is: "Developing and sustaining excellence in local government management."

Themed "**BREAKING NEW GROUND THROUGH PROFESSIONALISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**", the Conference objectives are as follows:

- i. *To provide municipal managers and senior local government practitioners with a platform to chart an iLGM strategic path and 5-year programme of action for the next term of local government*
- ii. *To enable municipal managers and senior local government practitioners to influence the crafting and implementation of professionalization of local government in South Africa*
- iii. *To transform the iLGM into a vibrant and sustainable national professional body of choice by all disciplines in local government, thereby contributing towards a single voice (recognised through legislation) of local government managers in South Africa*
- iv. *To provide municipal managers, senior local government practitioners and key local government stakeholders with a platform to network and explore synergistic and win-win partnerships*

Conference invitations are being sent to the following stakeholders:

- ✓ The Minister for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs



- ✓ The Deputy Minister for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- ✓ All MECs and HODs responsible for local government in the nine provinces
- ✓ All Mayors and Executive Mayors
- ✓ All Speakers of municipalities
- ✓ All Municipal Managers
- ✓ All CEOs of municipal entities
- ✓ All Managers in municipalities and municipal entities
- ✓ Exhibitors by service providers and suppliers of local government

Kindly note that the iLGM is the *only* professional body in the local government sphere that has the *clout* and *positioning* to take the professionalisation of local government to the high level, as too much has been said about the subject for too long in the past, but to no avail. For more insight in this regard, kindly visit our website www.ilgm.co.za

We hold a view that the success of the Conference will have a tremendous impact on service delivery and development facilitation and will serve as an excellent platform for the leadership of the country to set the right tone for the next term of local government. It is also projected that the stability and sustainability of all municipalities would be enhanced with a robust professional institute (iLGM) operating in all the provinces of our country. This will also enable the national and provincial spheres of government as well as SALGA to relate to iLGM as a representative professional body of all municipal managers and their management teams. Furthermore, this platform would create an environment in which the sharing of best practices within the country would also thrive.

To meet the costs of the Conference, the NEC of iLGM has determined heavily subsidised registration fees as follows:

ILGM Members: R2900.00 early bird registration (i.e. by **27 May 2011**)
R3200.00 late registration and
Five or more delegates from the same institution would be granted 10% discount.



Non-members: R3200.00 early bird registration (i.e. **by 27 May 2011**)
R3600.00 late registration and
Five or more delegates from the same institution would be
granted 10% discount.

You may direct your queries to Ms Nonhlanhla Magwaza on 031-266 9937 /
email: Nonhlanhla@ikhono.co.za or Ms Nozipho Sokhela on 031-266 9937 /
email: nozipho@ikhono.co.za. Kindly complete the Conference registration
form, deposit the Conference fees into the ILGM bank account and notify
conference coordinators by email or fax (fax no. 031-266 6054) as per the
details in this paragraph. The iLGM banking details are as follows:

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ABSA Bank, Randburg Branch
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Yours in the service of the Nation

KHAYO E. MPUNGOSE
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