

<b>DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY NAME</b>	<b>KZN Provincial Government prepared to deliver services to Nquthu community after dissolving the council</b>
<b>WIMS REFERENCE NUMBER</b>	
<b>DATE OF THE EVENT</b>	08 March 2017
<b>VENUE &amp; AREA</b>	Nquthu Stadium – Nquthu in KZN

**DC ACTIVITY SYNOPSIS:**

The KZN Provincial Government led by Premier Willies Mchunu visited Nquthu community where they all engaged with the purpose to inform members of the community about the decision to dissolve the municipality and also hear issues that the community is faced with.

This came after several attempts Nquthu municipality failed to elect its office bearers since August 2016 local government elections. KZN COGTA MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube was left with little choice but to dissolve Nquthu council following ongoing political squabbles and departmental interventions. “We want to assure community members that this government will continue to support Nquthu community by delivering basic services as per their frustrations that they have shared with us,” said MEC Dube-Ncube. Imbizo programme was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March at Nquthu stadium which was part of KZN Premier’s post State of the Province Address (SoPA) 2017.

In attendance was the KZN MEC: Economics Development Tourism and Environmental Affairs - Sihle Zikalala, KZN Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs - Nomusa Dube-Ncube, KZN MEC: Human Settlement and Public Works - Ravi Pillay, KZN MEC: Finance - Belinda Scott, KZN MEC: Agriculture Rural Development - Themba Mthembu, KZN MEC: Sports, Arts and Culture - Bongzi Sithole-Moloi, KZN MEC: Social Development - Weziwe Thusi, KZN MEC: Education - Mthandeni Dlungwana, Departmental HoD’s and their Senior Managers, Amakhosi and Izinduna led by Inkosi M. Mazibuko (Chairperson of Amakhosi within Umzinyathi District).

KZN Premier Willies Mchunu committed his government after the provincial intervention that they are ready to champion Nquthu service delivery as the provincial government and to lead the growth coalition to drive economic development in Nquthu. “We reiterate our commitment to make the local government work better and bring the people to the centre of our programmes for service delivery. It is our view that the local government sphere has to remain the centre of popular democratic participation in the delivery of services to all our people. We want to usher in a new era of prosperity in Nquthu. As guided by the Provincial Growth and Development Plan, we are moving with speed to intervene in sectors of the economy as part of efforts aimed at job creation. Our visit to this municipality underpins our commitment as government to eradicate poverty from our communities,” added Premier Mchunu.

Community members echoed their confidence to the provincial government by sharing their issues and gratitude for the decision to dissolve Nquthu council. Ntokozo Nene from Nondweni expressed his gratitude to the dissolution of Nquthu council and requested the provincial government to bring job opportunities for young people at Nquthu. All Members of the KZN Executive Council (MECs) committed to respond with community needs within no time.



**Above:** KZN MEC: Economics Development Tourism and Environmental Affairs - Sihle Zikalala, KZN Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs - Nomusa Dube-Ncube and KZN Premier Willies Mchcunu during the KZN Government Imbizo.



**Above:** KZN provincial government in full attendance during the provincial Imbizo.



**Above:** Government departments and stakeholders providing services at the Government Imbizo.



**Above:** Community members in their numbers to fully support the Government Imbizo at Nquthu stadium.