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Director-General Sifiso Mdakane Leads Quarterly Project Performance Meeting to Enhance Construction Outcomes

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Director-General Sifiso Mdakane convened with the Construction Project Management team from both the Department's Head Office and eleven Regional Offices for a Quarterly Project Performance meeting. This initiative provides a dedicated forum for assessing project performance across the Department, and identifying ways to optimise outcomes and delivery.

The meeting offered an opportunity to highlight areas for intervention, address risks, and gather ideas to resolve project-related challenges. With a focus on both financial and non-financial performance in the construction domain, the gathering aimed to build a solid foundation for better project management and accountability.

The Director-General emphasized that ethical conduct must remain central to all operations. He highlighted integrity, transparency, and accountability as core values essential to maintaining public trust and achieving departmental goals.

Ethical behaviour, he noted, is a responsibility shared by everyone and should guide decisions on resource management, stakeholder collaboration, and compliance. The DG urged all team members to actively support a culture of ethics, encouraging them to report misconduct, avoid conflicts of interest, and consistently demonstrate fairness in all interactions.

He underscored that a commitment to ethical practices will enhance the department's reputation, boost operational efficiency, and ultimately lead to better results for the communities it serves. A central priority of the DG's address was the importance of ensuring that project managers hold the necessary qualifications and professional registrations.

To maintain high standards in project delivery, he stated that all project managers must be registered professionals or work under the supervision of one. Project directors, too, must hold relevant registrations, underscoring the department's commitment to quality and accountability. By enforcing these standards across the department, the DG aims to foster a culture of professionalism and ensure that projects are managed by skilled individuals prepared to handle complexities, mitigate risks, and follow best practices. This focus on professional registration, he noted, goes beyond compliance—it is essential for safeguarding project quality, optimising resources, and achieving timely, within-budget, outcomes.

In his closing remarks, the Director-General reiterated his commitment to reinforcing the department's project management framework through ethical conduct, professional accountability, and continuous performance monitoring. Confident that these guiding principles and new measures will strengthen project outcomes, he encouraged the team to maintain the momentum from this inaugural meeting. By fostering a culture of transparency, professionalism, and teamwork, the department is poised to deliver meaningful results that benefit the public and build a lasting foundation for success.



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