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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS  
DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING SESSION ON THE LOTTERIES AMENDMENT BILL,  
PARLIAMENT, CAPE TOWN,  
13-17 AUGUST

ALL Protocol observed

The National House of Traditional Leaders is a statutory body established in terms of the National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 2009. It reports to Parliament of the RSA and among other things, mandated to enhance unity and understanding amongst traditional communities, to advice national government and make recommendations relating to any traditional leadership matters, role of traditional leaders, customary law and custom of communities observing a system of customary law, to make information available on traditional leadership, and to co-ordinate socio-economic factors that have a bearing on rural communities.

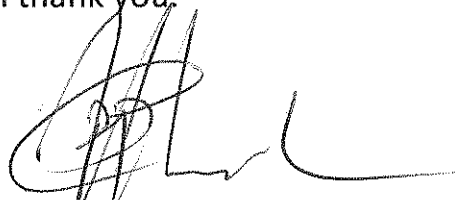
The National House of Traditional Leaders received the National Lotteries Amendment Bill from the National Lotteries Board for comments. The House deliberated on the Bill and found that there are several proposed amendments which are administrative in nature and are intended to clarify the functionary and structure that has the legislative and competence to execute the mandate.

However, the National House of Traditional Leaders supports the Bill in toto and is ready to work in partnership with the National Lotteries Board to develop the capabilities and capacity of rural communities to effectively manage their projects so that they can access and utilise resources provided by the National Lotteries Board.

In addition, the partnership will ensure that rural communities are able to access funds from the Board, supported and capacitated to manage community based projects and that will assist them in accessing and utilising development resources towards sustainability.

Traditional Leaders will be able to liaise with NLB regarding any projects in their areas of jurisdiction on projects funded by the Board and also monitor and evaluate the use of NLB resources in their areas, to assess the impact of the project funded by the Board. The House will also assist with the recommendations for people in rural communities who have applied for the grants. The NLB will use the traditional councils as venues on their activities, and we as traditional leaders are optimistic that the utilization of traditional councils would leave a developmental legacy within the rural communities.

I thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kgosi PP Maubane', written in a cursive style.

Kgosi PP Maubane

Chairperson: NHTL

Date: 15/05/2013