

SACP FS Calls SALGA to ensure municipalities serves community interest



ensure that institutions of local government promote, support and represent the interests of our communities.

At this meeting the PEC received detailed political input and reports and used the session to detail and finalise a framework for political and organisational preparations towards the 8th Provincial Congress. The committee also considered the state of the Alliance in the province, its relative influence on society informed by analysis of local government election outcomes and the tasks that confront us as a movement.

Among others, the PEC recognised the International Working Women's Day celebrated on 8 March 2022 under the theme "Break the bias" and acknowledged that despite women's commendable breakthroughs in various social-economic sphere of

life, most women globally continue to suffer from the crisis of social reproduction, stubborn societal stereotypes, gendered-discrimination and bias.

"In South Africa, the gender biases imposed on society and reinforced by the so-called traditional norms continue to deepen the systemic triple oppression of women based on their race, class and gender," said the PEC in media statement. The party also noted with concern the poor performance in the recent local government. "The PEC accepted that many factors influence electoral performance, but pointedly attributed the declining electoral performance of the ANC across our province largely to subjective internal weaknesses in the movement," reads the statement.

The PEC also raised concern by what it called

the mutation and gravitation of various ANC Interim Regional Committees (IRCs) and Interim Provincial Committee (IPC) leadership structures into groupings organising along historical factional lines.

"This rising development resembles the historical tendency and tragedy in the province wherein, in the leadup to conferences, revolutionary tasks get abandoned at the convenient expense of pursuit for personal ambitions, power and access to resources, using the positions in the organisation for upward leadership mobility," said the SACP PEC in the Free State.

The PEC also congratulated Caleb Motshabi, Thabo Mofutsanyana and Albert Nzula Districts for holding successful District Congresses during the past two weeks.

The South African Communist Party (SACP) in the Free State Province has congratulated its Provincial Secretary, Charles Stofile, on his election as President of South African Local Government Association (SALGA). Stofile, who is the Speaker of Matjhabeng Local Municipality in the goldfields area

of Free State, was elected as the President of SALGA earlier this month.

During its Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) meeting held over this past weekend the party urged the new leadership collective of SALGA to lead the transformation of the local government sphere and

Accused sentenced for crude oil theft in Sasolburg

Crude oil theft accused, Norman Tsvito (44), Cliff Mntanho (46), Beckham Mtando (28) and George Katumba (56) appeared before the Sasolburg Magistrates' Court on Friday, 18 March 2022 where they were convicted and sentenced as

charged for theft and tempering with essential infrastructure.

The court sentenced Tsvito to fifteen (15) years

Their sentence originates from an incident which took place on Saturday, 01 August 2020 at 01:30 where Transnet received a pressure drop from their pipeline at Taaibos farm in Zamdela Sasolburg.

The incident was immediately reported to the members of the Hawks' Serious Organised Investigation team based in Sasolburg who then attended to the complaint.

When the police arrive at the crime scene, they found the accused loading crude oil from the valve into the truck. The accused were then arrested and they appeared in court on several occasions culminated in their recent sentencing.

The court sentenced Tsvito to fifteen (15) years direct imprisonment and the other three accused were sentenced to a fine of R1000 or thirty (30) days imprisonment.

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