

Giant Leap and historic agreement: Duma and Amakhosi in eThekweni announces 5 Resolutions over floods | access to land | Construction of Human Settlements and Road Infrastructure

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Myself, together with the Mayor of eThekweni Municipality, Cllr Cyril Xaba, met with Amakhosi under eThekweni Municipality.

The meeting focused on accelerated responses to the ravaging floods that have washed away roads, bridges, and displaced communities.

We salute Amakhosi, izinduna, and councillors in eThekweni Municipality for making a giant leap in terms of ushering in a new era for the affected communities.

We wish to report on the 5 Resolutions of the meeting:

1. Myself, the Mayor and councillors in urban areas where there is a shortage of land will engage with Amakhosi, Izinduna and councillors in semi-urban areas where there is land to carefully ensure how to accommodate affected victims;
2. In making the land available in semi-urban areas under Amakhosi, to build homes for affected victims originally from urban areas, victims in semi-urban areas will not be relegated into the bottom of the agenda;
3. Myself as the MEC, the Mayor, Amakhosi, Izinduna and councillors in both urban and semi-urban areas will have continuous engagements to ensure prompt response to floods, climate change and other disasters;
4. Critically, Amakhosi will be continuously briefed about road construction projects, especially those that have stalled, those that are underway, and those that are still going to be undertaken;
5. Briefing of communities so that communities are not left behind.

Lastly, we continue to express our gratitude to ISILO Misuzulu kaZwelithini and the Zulu Royal Family for the continuous guidance.

Flowing from their guidance, we offer to continue to engage with Amakhosi across all district municipalities.

We will endeavour to give progress on matters that relate to construction of roads and houses in the land under the Ingonyama Trust, of which the King remains the Sole Trustee.

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