

## **Aganang Municipality appreciates Ward Committees' commitment throughout the term**



## **More than 190 Ward Committees attending the annual conference**

Aganang Local Municipality convened Ward Committees in the annual conference to discuss challenges and achievement's encountered in serving communities. For a change, the 03 days conference was held in Karibu Lodge where sister municipalities attended and praised Aganang Municipality for their consistent in honouring of the foot soldiers every year. Ward Committees were rewarded with certificates of appreciation for serving villages since 2011 until 2016 when their term comes to an end.

The Speaker of Aganang, Cllr Mary Dikgale praised the path taken by Ward Committees in ensuring that service delivery is enjoyed by the rural people of the municipality through their commitment and efforts." Ward Committees are established as a catalyst for service delivery at a local level. It is in the spirit of participatory democracy that Section 20 of Chapter 4 of the Municipal Structures Act of 1998 provides for the establishment of Ward Committees in both the metropolitan and local municipalities", she said.



### **A Ward Committee member voicing his questions during the Annual conference.**

Ward Committees are elected to represent various interest groups within communities. “You have been reporting on matters affecting the wards you are serving to the municipality working together with your Ward Councillors. As the Office of the Speaker, we really admire the spirit of being public servant at all times. You have ran a good race until the end”, embraced The Speaker in the keynote address during the welcome.

The annual conference is a platform for Ward Committees to voice their concerns and present the forward from the previous resolutions. The Speaker, Cllr Dikgale said the municipality capacitates Ward Committees as a way to make them employable and acquire knowledge on improving their skills in working with their communities reinforcing Back-to-Basics model as adopted by the Presidential Summit to local government.

On behalf of Aganang Council, Her Worship Mayor, Cllr Maria Mokobodi applauded Ward Committees for their good work shown to the municipality at all times. “We thank you for being loyal servants throughout the term and further encourage all of you to continue working together with the people going forward even after the disestablishment of Aganang Local Municipality in 2016”. motivated Her Worship Mayor.

As part of motivation, the Ward Committees members were awarded certificates of appreciation as a way of honouring their 05 years’ service to the municipality in the gala dinner ceremony.

Various presentations were made in the conference by sector departments and Senior Managers regarding the capital projects for 2015/16, HIV/AIDS, disestablishment, gender mainstreaming and free basic services. Aganang Local Municipality has been the pioneering leader in Capricorn District to champion the Ward Committees Conferences annually through the Office of the Speaker. Aganang Ward Committees will be elected to serve in Polokwane, Molemole and Blouberg municipalities after 2016 local government elections.

Aganang Ward Committees said they will surely miss Aganang Local Municipality after disestablishment process.