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### **Induction for New Council**

Knysna Municipality's newly elected councillors, began a five day Integrated Councillor Induction Programme (ICIP) on Monday September 5 at the Brenton Community Hall. This programme was conducted by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA).

During the five days councillors were advised on areas of leadership and legislation that pertains to the successful operation of local government. Furthermore the programme provided councillors with tools to understand crucial municipal procedures, service delivery and to perform their public duties in an effective manner.

SALGA is rolling out the ICIP nationally and the programme has been tailored to accommodate both newly elected and returning councillors. Sections have been specifically designed to orientate new councillors in their roles and responsibilities, while returning councillors are offered a refresher course. The programme anchored on the Back to Basics approach that is instituted to ensure that all municipalities perform their basic functions without compromise.

The ICIP is accredited by Local Government Sector Education Training Authority (LGSETA). Upon successful completion of the ICIP councillors were awarded a National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 3 or 5 certificate of competence.

Knysna Speaker, custodian of the Code of Conduct for Councillor Georlene Wolmarans, said, "This programme is of utmost importance not for only new councillors, but returning councillors as well. One can never stop learning; we must constantly seek knowledge and education that will assist us in serving our communities better. The induction programme was such a positive start our new term as councillors; with the skills acquired we will now work towards a better future for all residents by delivering quality services in the most sustainable manner."

*Caption:*

*Knysna Councillors attending the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Induction Programme*

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