

MEDIA STATEMENT

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THE MDB CALLS ON ACTIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FOR THE WARD DELIMITATION PROCESS

In line with the mandate of the institution, the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) has commenced with the roll-out of the public awareness and education campaign on the ward delimitation process.

Every five years, the MDB delimits wards in metropolitan and local municipalities ahead of the local government elections (LGE). The MDB has the responsibility to ensure that the public is informed and aware of the processes involved in ward delimitation. This is to ensure that where wards are changed, stakeholders and communities understand what really led to the change. Once the ward delimitation process is concluded, the wards will be handed to the IEC in 2020 to prepare for the Local Government Elections.

This process should not be confused with the municipal outer boundary re-determination process. The MDB concluded the outer boundary redetermination process in 2018. This has since been handed over to the IEC.

“The focus will only be on the ward delimitation process. The municipal outer-boundary determination process will commence after the 2021 local government

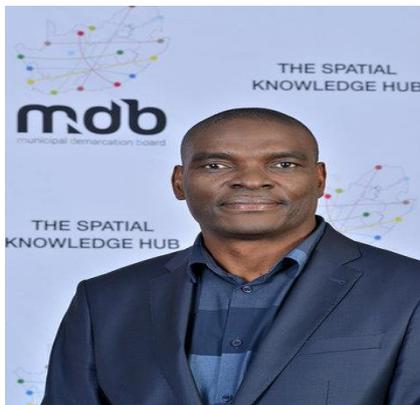
elections. The public can send proposals on the municipal boundary re-determination, post the 2021 local government elections” says Muthotho Sigidi, MDB CEO.

The awareness and education campaign commenced in February 2019 in the following five provinces ;the Eastern Cape, Kwazulu-Natal, Free State, Mpumalanga and North West. In May and June 2019, the team will cover Limpopo, Western Cape, Northern Cape and Gauteng.

The MDB appeals to the stakeholders and members of the public to cooperate with MDB officials who are conducting these awareness campaigns at the remaining provinces. Any person who wilfully disrupts or threatens the proceedings, will be committing a punishable offence as provided for in the Municipal Demarcation Act.

MDB is South Africa’s municipal demarcation authority, whose mission is to deepen democracy and facilitate the socio-economic transformation of the country for the benefits of its citizens.

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