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MFMA AUDIT OUTCOMES 2022-23

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GAUTENG, South Africa: The Chartered Institute of Government Finance, Audit and Risk Officers (CIGFARO) welcomes the MFMA Audit Outcomes 2022-23 report that were released by the Auditor General, Ms Tsakani Maluleke.

The Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA) tabled the 2022-23 consolidated general report on local government audit outcomes to Parliament. The report was tabled under the theme: **A culture of accountability will improve service delivery.**

The report focused on service delivery and financial performance, offering thorough insights into the audit outcomes for local government. It gave attention to the problems and advancements that municipalities have made. Even while certain municipalities have advanced, many still have difficulty managing their finances and providing services in an efficient manner. For municipalities to better serve their communities, the report highlights important areas that require attention to assist enhance local government performance.

Only 34 of South Africa's 257 Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities received clean audit outcomes. "While 45 municipalities have improved their audit outcomes since 2020-21 which was the last year of the previous administration's term, 36 have regressed," Maluleke said. The AG explained that municipalities with clean audits display sound financial management practices. "They generally manage projects well so that deficiencies are identified and rectified promptly and so that timelines, budgets and quality standards are adhered to.

The report highlighted the accomplishments of municipalities that attained clean audits, indicating sound governance and responsibility. It does, however, highlight the fact that there are still problems with financial management and service delivery in many municipalities, which need for attention. CIGFARO remains committed to the acceleration of public finance excellence and fostering accountability to enhance the provision of services. We congratulate all who received the clean audit and continue to offer our support to those who need us as an institute.

About CIGFARO

The Chartered Institute of Government Finance, Audit & Risk Officers (CIGFARO) is South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) recognized professional body for Finance, Audit, Risk Management, Performance Management, and related professionals in the Public Sector. The Institute was founded in 1929 and is dedicated to establishing and maintaining high standards of professionalism among practitioners by providing a framework for them to collectively enhance, maintain sustainable financial management and good governance in the management of Public Finances.

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