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Annual staff workshop

Hundreds of cadres gather for annual staff meeting

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Hundreds of ANC Parliamentary Caucus staff members from across the country are set to meet for a crucial five-day Annual Staff Workshop scheduled for 5 to 9 December in Cape Town.

More than 600 delegates, representing the movement's Parliamentary Constituency Offices (PCOs), Caucuses of provincial legislatures and national Parliament, are expected at the biggest ever staff Lekgotla.

President Thabo Mbeki, Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and the Mayor of Cape Town Nomaindia Mfeketo will address the gathering. Other top politicians scheduled to attend the meeting includes Chief Whip Mbulelo Goniwe, Deputy Chief Whip Andries Nel, Chief Whips of provincial caucuses and ANC Whips.

The event is tipped to be the biggest ever in the Caucus' eleven year history. It will be the first time the President and the Deputy President address the annual staff event.

Staff will be treated to various cultural activities showcasing up and coming Cape Town based artists like Lungile Jacobs.

Remarked one of the organisers: "The highlight of the programme will no doubt be the addresses by the President and Deputy President of the country. This will truly be historic – for the first time many of us would have the honour of being addressed by the two leaders."

According to the organisers, staff will get an opportunity to field questions to their political principals relating to politics and other matters of importance.

On the fourth day of the workshop, delegates will embark on the door-to-door elections campaign in the Cape Town townships in line with the event's theme of ensuring "victory in the 2006 local government elections".

Team building exercises as well as entertainment and cultural activities have also been organised to enable staff members to mingle and get to know each other.

Confirmed one organiser: "Staff will be treated to various cultural activities showcasing Cape Town's up and coming artists such as Lungile Jacobs."

The workshop will be concluded with a glittering ceremony in which staff members who have served the Caucus for ten years or more will be honoured. **■**



Staff members from all provinces pose for a picture with Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip during last year's workshop