

## **MESSAGE FROM THE IMASA PRESIDENT**

Welcome to the Ninth Annual National Conference of the Institute of Municipal Administration for Southern Africa (IMASA). It is trusted that this Conference in the North-West Province, known for its abundant wildlife, sunny skies and mineral wealth, will be a worthwhile experience. This Conference creates an opportunity for members and other attendees to exchange experiences and knowledge while motivating and encouraging each other.

With this Conference, IMASA once again, created educational and networking opportunities for Municipal Administrators, politicians and other practitioners, not only to ensure the development and growth of the profession of Municipal Administration but also to promote effective and efficient municipal administration as the foundation for good local government.

We also wish to thank all Councillors present at this Conference for their support and interest in the activities of IMASA and the respective Municipalities, who make it possible for members, to actively participate in the activities and affairs of the Institute. Let us all continue to promote sound professional and ethical municipal administration, to serve the best interest of our profession in order to contribute to and ensure good governance.

IMASA's Annual National Conference has become a prime Local Government event for Municipal Administrators and is a major resource for the development of our members, but also to provide value to others with an interest in sound municipal administration.

I trust that the Conference will fulfill all your expectations and that you will find it informative, stimulating and beneficial and when returning to our various Municipalities, we can take back something that we can put into practice, to the advantage of Local Government and the communities that we serve.

**FRANCOIS ALLERS**  
**IMASA NATIONAL PRESIDENT**