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Government has not dedicated enough time on planning: says Premier Sogoni

Eastern Cape Premier Mbulelo Sogoni says most of the problems that the government of the Eastern Cape is facing point to lack of planning. Premier Sogoni said this while addressing delegates who are attending the first Provincial Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Indaba currently underway in Port Alfred this morning.

“We are here to do our work, to make sure that we improve our planning capacity as government, because we have realised overtime that part of where we have not been doing enough is to dedicate effort and time to planning. Secondly we need to make sure that we do monitor the good work that the government is doing but also pick up the negatives in the system,” he said.

Asked whether this was not another government talk shop. Premier Sogoni said the level of seriousness of delegates at the Indaba would be reflected on the outcomes of the Indaba. But he was adamant that the Indaba would not be another talk shop. “I do not think it will be a talk shop, it is the first of its kind that brings together, National, Provincial and Local government under one roof to talk about planning, said Premier Sogoni”.

Delegates from other provinces like Limpopo, Mpumalanga have also attended the Indaba. Premier Sogoni said: “We have invited our colleagues from other provinces to draw lessons from them in terms of what is it that they are doing differently and how do they do it so that where we can, indeed we must be able to draw those lessons but equally they are here to learn from us.”

Premier Sogoni said after the Indaba, government hoped to have an improved way of doing its work from the planning and monitoring point of view. “Some of the service delivery challenges that our communities face are because there has been proper planning and therefore if we pro-plan it must have an effect on the improvement of services that people get,” said Premier Sogoni.

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