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Media Statement:

## IT'S TIME TO ELECT QUALIFIED AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP TO RUN MUNICIPALITIES

For immediate release:

The Auditor-General's announcement of the audit performance outcomes for Northern Cape municipalities in the 2022/023 Consolidated General report is extremely shocking but unsurprising.

The findings are depressing and do not inspire confidence in the 7th Administration of the Northern Cape.

The same administration that has presided over these disastrous performances over many years cannot solve these problems with the same mindset that created them.

In terms of policy options and solutions, they have hit a cul-de-sac and continue to exhibit a lack of professional compliance, accountability and consequence management.

The province and most municipalities are led by arrogant, self-aggrandising leaders who lack integrity and empathy, whose mismanagement and bad governance account for the suffering of the people of the province.

COPE remains committed to the cause of improving governance, service delivery, and economic growth to foster job creation. It is time to elect leaders who are not only qualified but also responsible in managing our municipalities.

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