



Women's Month 2010

"Women, engine for empowerment and equality
Basadi, enjene ya tswelopele le tekatekano"

FOREWORD OF THE SPEAKER CLLR. KEDIBONE MOGOTSI

It is that time of the year where women of Sedibeng, in solidarity with women of South Africa, commemorate, celebrate and champion the fruits of their toil. 2009 was a remarkable year where we witnessed, for the first time, an excellent programme staged only with the collaboration of municipalities and sponsors. This year marks the eighth anniversary of the women's month celebrations. The national theme for this year's programme is "A Decade for African Women: 2010-2020 Delivering on the Promise of Equality for All" and the provincial theme is "KE NAKO Accelerating Gender Equality and Empowerment for Gauteng Women during 2010-2014: KUYASHESWA". These two (2) themes are infused in the form of a tagline: "Women, engine for empowerment and equality- Basadi, enjene ya tswelopele le tekatekano"

Women of Sedibeng have been waiting in anticipation for the August 2010 Women's Month offerings. Again, as in previous years, the custodians of the Women's Month Programme are the Speakers of all the municipalities under my stewardship. The programme for this year has been cut back substantially due to financial constraints, but also as a result of some of the events staged during 2009 which are more

sustainable in nature and therefore culminate into a 365 days programme, including the women conference that will only be hosted every 2nd year.

The 2010 programme is staged at a time when we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the release of our icon Madiba and just a few days ago South Africans contributed 67 minutes of their time to contribute to the betterment of the lives of the less fortunate. Tribute was paid to Madiba on the 18th July 2010, a day where the world celebrates Mandela Day, commonly known as Madiba's birthday, after a successful showcasing of Sedibeng's 2010 World Cup offerings.

2010 Women's Month Programme's tagline "Women, engine for empowerment and equality - Basadi, enjene ya tswelopele le tekatekano"

envelopes the imperative role women played in society at large, as initiators in solidarity for empowerment and finally realising true democratic and developmental communities. Not forgetting to mention the progressive strides women are making in South Africa in HIV/AIDS research and the thrust for Millennium Development Goals, in particular Goal #3 to promote gender equality and empower women.

Women are still confronted with hardships of various forms - domestic violence, child abuse, HIV/AIDS, poverty, gender discrimination, as well as unemployment. Much more emphasis will be placed on implementation of the women charter adopted at the Emerald 2 Women Conference early this year, as well as to focus on the accountability aspect linked to the gender policy and mainstreaming strategy.

The women mentorship programme will be rolled out in full steam as to immediately ensure empowerment of women in business, career women as well as women representing non-governmental organisations.

On behalf of the Speakers in Sedibeng, namely Cllrs Greta Hlongwane, Ron Smit and Maria Mphala; thank you to all the sponsors, partners and participants in the programme. A special word of thanks to the Executive Mayors in the district who generously supported the programme with the necessary resources and last, but not least, the officials from the municipalities in the district for their commitment and dedication in making this year a special Women's Month Programme.



Women's Month Events in August

Women in Prayer

05 August 2010 at 10h00

Meyerton Town Hall

In partnership with the SACC Women's Sector and other faith based organizations, Sedibeng will be hosting the 4th Women in Prayer Day. Women in faith are called together on this day to observe a common day of prayer and worship in Sedibeng, and continue the relationship in prayer and service. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women can come to know and understand how languages, cultures and issues of religion in their own context are practiced.

The key objective for this event is to forge solidarity among women in all walks of faith in prayer and worship, as they share concerns and needs based on socio-economic hardships they commonly experience. In this way, it is possible to enrich their faith as it grows deeper and broader in a district wide, ecumenical expression.

Master of Ceremony: Ivy Shabalala (Muvhango); Sermon: Mrs Mosebi (not confirmed); Artist: Lebo (Local artist, Joyous celebration)

Contact Person:

Bonny Tsotetsi (016) 450 3388 / 076 792 7633

Dudu (016) 362 2232 / 083 343 3303

Women's Caucus

13 August 2010 at 09h00

Sedibeng Council Chamber

Multi-party Women's Caucus, chaired by the Speaker. Women councillors from all political parties represented in council will enter into dialogue on issues affecting women and to hold municipalities accountable to the resolutions of the Women Conference, the Gender Policy and Gender mainstreaming Strategy as well as to afford the Executive Mayors an opportunity to feedback on undertakings/commitments made by Executive Mayors during the 2009 Women Council Sitting.

Furthermore, during the Women's Caucus, women councillors from Sedibeng are to track progress on the IDP and budget based on women empowerment and gender transformation.

The caucus is responsible for driving women empowerment and to contribute to gender equality throughout the district.

Contact Person:

Lerato Nkoli (016) 450 3226 / 072 724 3439

Memorial Lecture

23 August 2010 at 16h00

Wilberforce College, Evaton

As part of commemorating the struggle women engaged in, in particular 9 August 1956, working class women struggled for political, social, and economic freedoms.

The key objective of this memorial lecture is to pay tribute to women as frontiers of change against triple oppression ie. women oppressed as a worker, as a woman, as a black person. From then on, a decade of women frontiers ensued in realising their strength and influence in the world of politics and business. Women became a symbol of hope; an engine for empowerment and betterment of lives.

Contact Person:

Jeff Rademeyer (016) 450 3224 / 082 905 2495

National Women's Day

09 August 2010 at 10h00

Vosloorus (Ekurhuleni)

Government calls on all South Africans to acknowledge the heroic struggles and sacrifices of women, who struggled for democracy, socio-economic progress, equality and opportunities for all to commemorate and celebrate August, '10

We urge support for the national commemoration.

Transport will be available at the usual pick up points

Contact Person:

Thomas Maleka (016) 450 3177 / 079 871 4497

Networking GALA Dinner

19 August 2010 at 17h45

Emerald Resort & Casino

A networking platform between women councillors and staff members within the Sedibeng region. The platform is to establish a conducive experience and success sharing platform towards women for women empowerment.

The event details networking as the basis for creating a social platform for engagement on various topics of common interests.

Programme Director: Bonang (SABC 1 Live Presenter)

Artists: Theo Kgosinkwe & lindiwe Maqola (Local artist)

Contact Person:

Moji Tshabalala (016) 950 6467 / 082 616 0487

Women's Day Celebration

28 August 2010 at 12h00

Riverside Hotel

A platform for women to interact with women from all walks of life in Sedibeng. Women will be treated to performances by women artists and their male counterparts in poetry, music and other forms of entertainment.

Women are allowed the opportunity to showcase their talents such as fashion design, skills, etc.

Master of Ceremony: Tholoana Moletsane (Lesedi FM), Artists: Ringo, Lusanda, General Smuts Tenor Choir.

Contact Person:

Mapuleng Mateane (016) 450-3179 / 0829086162

