



INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS BY THE SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY EXECUTIVE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MAHOLE SIMON MOFOKENG ON THE OCCASION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IMBIZO

19 February 2009.

- Councillor Thembile Simonson Nqube, Programme Director and ANC PR Councillor;
- Councillor Justinah Xaba, Councillor Eric Tshabalala and Councillor Bennett Bikitsha, ANC Councillors responsible for Wards 6, 7 and 23 respectively;
- Comrade Angie Motshekga, ANC Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and Member of the Gauteng Provincial Government Executive Committee, responsible for Education;
- Comrade Khabisi Mosunkutu, ANC Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and Member of the Gauteng Provincial Government Executive Committee, responsible for Agriculture; Conservation and Environment;

- Reverend-Bishop Mokhele Thabane, and I must thank you out-rightly for the soul-searching opening prayer, which is still echoing in my head;
- Members of the Mayoral Committees and fellow councillors from the Sedibeng District and its Local Municipalities of Emfuleni, Midvaal and Lesedi;
- The communities of wards 6, 7, 23 and neighbouring wards and areas;
- Comrades, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen;

On behalf of all who hold Office in the Sedibeng District Municipality and its three Local Municipalities of Emfuleni, Midvaal and Lesedi, I greet and welcome each and every one of you, especially our guests, whom I am expected to introduce to the Imbizo.

Today's Imbizo, as you will all know, should be understood in its correct context. This Imbizo, which is not the first and the only one, is a direct response to our 2006 Elections Manifesto commitment to forge a contract with the people of Sedibeng to build better communities – each of us with one another, government and each citizen, community and sector of society.

Our Imbizo, therefore, affords us the people's servants and agents of services delivery, to report and review progress made to date, and plan together, with our masters

The name Bophelong tells a story. Having been build back in 1948 and turned 60 years last year, it makes Bophelong to be one of the oldest residential areas in our District. Bophelong implies a place of life. In responding to our 60 years old ageing infrastructure, government has brought about the following developments to the area:

- news schools - Safire Secondary, Ikokobetseng Primary, Emfuleni and Magaru;
- have put in external storm water;
- have improved the conditions of two roads, Qamata and Kader Asmal;
- worked with the private sector to renovate the Bophelong Community Hall, and many more others.

This kind of progress gives us real hope for the future. We are also aware of the conditions of our roofs, which allow water to penetrate our homes in rainy seasons. We are working on addressing that predicament. We are going to do that because ours is a people's driven government,

with lots of experience in working with the people and which is elected to government to address the problems in our communities.

Comrades and colleagues,

Please allow me to introduce to you, Comrade Angie Motshekga, ANC National Executive Committee Member, ANC Women's League President and Gauteng MEC for Education. Comrade Motshekga will be introducing to all of us, the purpose of this Imbizo.

She is flanked by Comrade Khabisi Mosunkutu, ANC Provincial Executive Committee Member and ANC deployee to Sedibeng. Comrade Mosunkutu is Gauteng MEC responsible for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment. Comrade Mosunkutu is our key-note speaker.

I thank you.