



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS BY THE SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY EXECUTIVE MAYOR, CLLR. MAHOLE SIMON MOFOKENG AT THE LAUNCH MEETING OF THE BOPHELONG THUSONG SERVICE CENTRE

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The issue of public participation and interaction is receiving increasing attention in Sedibeng, from both government and civil society sectors.

Comrade MEC, in the light of witnessing acknowledgement from a wide-range of government critics that insufficient consideration is been paid to public participation, today's launch of our own Service Centre, a one-stop centre, should prove them wrong, as it must be seen as one of the many attempts by government to sustain that bond with its

constituencies; a fundamental characteristic of a developmental and caring government, as is advocated by the 52nd National Conference of the ANC.

This effort, **colleagues**, which will bring together government departments at national, provincial and local levels in one area, seeks to make the lives of our people much easier in accessing essential government services and information in an integrated way.

- Mr. Papikie Mahajani, Programme Director;
- Comrade Mandla Nkomfe, ANC Member of the Provincial Legislature, and of the Executive Committee responsible for Finance and Economic Affairs;
- Councillor Assistance Mshudulu, Executive Mayor of the Emfuleni Local Municipality;
- Fellow councillors;
- Representatives of various media houses;
- Distinguished guests, comrades and colleagues,
- The people of Sedibeng.

It is my greatest pleasure, privilege and honour, to not only welcome this initiative in Sedibeng, but also to introduce to this gathering, one of the drivers of this noble initiative, Comrade Mandla Nkomfe, Gauteng Provincial Government Member of the Executive responsible for Finance and Economic Affairs.

Comrade Nkomfe has a long history of active involvement in the liberation struggle, dating back from high school politics as a COSAS member, and later graduated to serve the country through participation in the United Democratic Front structures. For those of us, who are members of the ANC, they will know him as the Provincial Deputy Secretary as well.

Comrade Nkomfe, the people of Sedibeng in general and Emfuleni in particular, are thrilled by the Department of Social Services-managed Centre, which gives them every reason to continue to support government and its initiatives, as it will bring to their door-steps essential services such as Primary Health Care, Reading and reference facilities,

attending to community problems and resolving disputes, application of social grants, identity and other certificates. The centre will also house Non-governmental Organization and provide shelter to destitute people.

Comrades and colleagues, this just shows our commitment to our elections promises, that development and reform will always be at the heart of our plans to improve our lives. We are placed to lead our Province and Country in the right direction, ensuring growth that is equitable and sustainable, as well as prosperity for all our people.

To the people of Sedibeng, I have the following advice to share; working together we can do more. Let us swell the polling stations on the 22nd April 2009 and make sure that we vote for a political party that can be trusted with our future.

I thank you.

