



Keynote Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the People with Disability Workshop held at Nonyana Estates River Lodge on the 30 November 2009, in Sedibeng

Programme Director;

MMC Maipato Tsokolibane;

Dr Benny Palime;

Ms Eva Mahlangu;

Mr Fana Mkwanazi;

Officials and Dignitaries from SEDIFO;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

On behalf of the Sedibeng District Council, I rise to greet all of you in the name of the beautiful District we all call home, Sedibeng District Municipality. I take this opportunity to bring to your attention that we are faced with challenges that given the slogan, ***“Nothing about the Disabled, without the Disabled”***, people have since arrogated unto themselves to speak on your behalf.

On the various public meetings I have had the occasion to address recently, people have tried to present and represent the plight of the disabled, thereby attempting to hype communities to find fault with the efforts of the Sedibeng District Council.

Councilor Tsokolibane, I stand here with no doubt at the back of my mind that you and your Cluster have worked tirelessly with SEDIFO and its leadership, to ensure that indeed there is clear understanding between SEDIFO and the Council.

Programme Director, I stand here convinced that at the end of this workshop, we all will have achieved the following:

- Developed a Plan of Action for People with Disabilities
- Ensure PWD mainstreaming is built into Sedibeng District Municipality
- Programmes for Service Delivery are streamlined to reach people with Disabilities.

Programme Director, it is with the development of the Programme of Action that I am encouraged that the outcome of this workshop will not remain a talk-shop. The Plan of Action will galvanize all of us into action to ensure that we indeed are marching to the same drum beat as we achieve the milestones we have committed ourselves to.

In conclusion, I wish this august occasion fruitful deliberations as we all chart our line of much in sorting out and dealing with Disabled members of Sedibeng District Municipality.

I need to confirm and assure this esteemed occasion that, it is upon the completion of the Programme of Action, that the constituent local municipalities will be able to implement the said Plan of Action.

I thank you!