



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Gauteng Imbizo at Meyerton Town Hall on the 03rd March 2010, in Midvaal, Sedibeng

Programme Director

Distinguished Guests

The Community of Midvaal

It is in the light of serious misconceptions, that are created to fuel distrust and community anger throughout the entire region of the Sedibeng District Municipality, that this Provincial Executive Council Imbizo is relevant.

The perception is created that the Municipalities are refusing to meet with communities. This perception is incorrect, as this Imbizo shows that indeed, the government does meet with its communities.

Doubting Thomases, will love to point out that because of the unrest, this Imbizo was hastily convened. I stand here before you to attest that, a programme of these Izimbizo were developed after the Gauteng Provincial Municipality Turn Around Strategy was agreed upon.

As if that is not enough, an Imbizo takes more than a month to prepare for. The so-called service delivery strikes are anything but community concerns about service delivery. Service delivery as expected of Municipalities is about the following:

- Provision of bulk water
- Provision of bulk water borne sewerage
- Provision of bulk electricity
- Refuse removals

The above services are provided without fail in Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong. It is with these few words of information, that the reports that no service delivery is happening in Sedibeng needs to be taken with a grain of salt.

It is as we enter the countdown of the 100 Days to the 2010 FIFA World Cup which will be held on the South African Soil, that we as the communities of Gauteng Province in general and Sedibeng in particular, need to be vigilant to violence and disruptions caused by sponsored violence and mayhem under the disguise of service delivery protests. The stoning of vehicles this morning on the R59 must be condemned as it has no place in this Municipality or anywhere else for that matter.

Without much ado, allow me to introduce our distinguished guests and visitors:

Allow me to introduce to you:

MEC for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Ms Nelisiwe Moerane

MEC for Finance, Mr Mandla Nkomfe

Executive Mayor of Midvaal Local Municipality, Cllr Timothy Nast

I thank you!