



**Opening & Welcome Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality
Acting Executive Mayor, Cllr. Maipato Tsokolibane on the occasion
of the World Premier: "Ma-Brrr comes Alive" Musical, on the 8th July
2010 at the Vereeniging Civic Theatre, Sedibeng**

Programme Director;

MEC for Sports, Arts, Recreation & Culture: Ms Nelisiwe Moerane;

Members of the Mayoral Committee present;

The Director General of Department of Arts & Culture, Mr. Themba Wakashe;

Ntate Jerry Mofokeng and your Team;

Fellow Councillors;

Our Guests

People of Sedibeng

Let me first, on behalf of the people of Sedibeng convey my message of gratitude to the Ghana National Team for representing us in the 2010 FIFA Soccer Cup Tournament until it was the only African National Team remaining in this prestigious tournament.

Ghana represented the aspirations of the African people, the Continent and most importantly the South Africans who have for so long been waiting for this moment to befall our African Soil.

We further convey our message of appreciation to our Bafana Bafana and the beautiful and colourful South African supporters for ensuring that the stay of the foreign nationals in our country is a warm one that makes them feel at home.

To Bafana Bafana we proudly and confidently say, next time.

We must still portray and display our 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup fever because, it is still here. We may be out, Africa may be, but we are still the proud host of this prestigious 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup Tournament.

Ladies and gentlemen, tomorrow is Friday and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of us here and please do advise others who may not be here tonight with us, that the spirit of this magnificent tournament must still prevail.

Tomorrow is still football Friday! We must fly the South African flag very high and for those who have already found sympathy from either Spain or Netherland, be in their colours.

On what has brought us here together tonight, is the important element of our heritage and history that we should not by any chance lose sight of it. We are tonight going to be served to the portrayal of the musical and the personal Journey of Brenda “Mabrrr” Fassie.

Interestingly and of important element is the fact that, this production is having its world premiere in Sedibeng, tonight here in the Vereeniging Civic Theatre.

This historic premiere is with us from tonight until the 10th July 2010, what a wonderful opportunity for some of us who may have not known Mabrrr that much.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now take this opportunity to present to you our keynote address speaker, The Director General of Department of Arts & Culture, Mr. Themba Wakashe.

You are welcomed to the ***World Premier: "Ma-Brrr comes Alive" Musical*** here in Sedibeng.

Ke a leboha