



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 176th Mayoral Committee Meeting held at Mayor's Parlour on Tuesday, 20 July 2010, Vereeniging, in Sedibeng

Comrades,
Officials

I take this opportunity to greet this noble body, representatives of the brain trust of the entire community of Sedibeng District Municipality. Gathered here and constituted in this manner, the 176th Ordinary Mayoral Committee of Sedibeng District Municipality.

I welcome you back from your well deserved recess that covered the duration of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did. Once again, our entire country and the nation as one came to the party. They showed the world that indeed South Africa is a country with the can-do attitude. We did the World Cup fine, we did it well, and we did it beyond the expectations of all and sundry.

Here at home, in Sedibeng District, we hosted the two countries without any glitches; our communities filled the Public Viewing Areas that were on offer. We have a lot to be proud of. We had a successful International Mandela Day event; the community of Block 6 in Lakeside feels that they are a part of the whole family of Sedibeng.

We have committed the Sedibeng District Municipality to a 100 Days Service Delivery Programme. The deadline is upon us, we have until the 29th July to report back to our communities. It is fortunate that on the 28th July, which is next week on Wednesday, we will be having a District Wide Mayoral Imbizo in Lesedi.

I hope that by then, if not long before then, progress report on what we committed ourselves to, shall find its way into my speech. We can no longer wait for progress reports of the good things we do, failing to find expression in our accountability reports to our communities.

It is with pride that I notice that contrary to the situation last year, we are able to provide for the salary increases as agreed to by SALGA and the Unions. I am sure that our employees will be happy to notice that their increases will come in on time without undue delays.

I have further been reliably informed that Management is attending to the bonuses for the staff for the last two financial years and hope that this matter will be seamlessly finalised.

I realize that there has been sufficient movement with regard to the reports for our discussion in today's Mayoral Committee meeting.

I am pleased to notice that we have our Corporate Calendar to approve. This will go a long way in ensuring we are up to speed in executing all the things we said we will. This year, it should be remembered, we cannot afford any lag time, this is the year of action and our communities cannot afford any delays.

Our IDP and budgets have been approved, all the critical vacancies if there were any, are filled, we have competent staff and managers to carry out the agreed upon tasks. I challenge all of us to make sure that all the deadlines are met and our communities are kept abreast about everything we do. Our theme this year, will not be another buzz word, a husk of empty promises, "Together with our Communities, A final push to Speedy Service Delivery"

We have made the commitment to act in partnerships with our communities; we have said that certain things will be done in a hundred days, how far are we? What is the status quo of these 100 Days

Programme? I hope that my colleagues here present share my anxiety and commitment to all that we have agreed to.

A service provider to be responsible for the work related to the establishment of the Sedibeng Development Agency will be appointed in two weeks. I hope and trust that all of responsible, will offer our available resources to ensure that this becomes a success

It is as we go about, carried along by the spirit of a successful 2010 FIFA World Cup, that I call on all of us, to bring on the winning spirit to bear on all our activities this year leading up to the Local Government Elections in 2011.

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