



Speaking notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Joint Mayor's Meeting held on the 28th July 2010, at the Lesedi, in Sedibeng

Executive Mayor, Emfuleni Local Municipality, Cllr. Assistance Mshudulu;
Executive Mayor, Lesedi Local Municipality, Cllr. Busisiwe Modisakeng;
Executive Mayor, Midvaal Local Municipality, Cllr. Timothy Nast;
All the Municipal Managers here present

The last time we met in this particular meeting was in January 2009. We were at the time, still grappling with matters relating to the 2010 FIFA World Cup. We were very concerned about the form it would take. We were on very shaky ground.

We did not even know what our role would entail. Suffice it to mention that we were driven by passion and commitment to do the best for our country. It is on this note that I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this august meeting.

I can safely say that the 2010 FIFA World Cup has come to pass. The role we played was in no way insignificant. A lot of Municipalities which had no hosting rights for the games, wished they had our foresight. We did a sterling job indeed.

For that, we deserve all the accolades that are being showered on the spectacle the World Cup turned out to be. WE have in today's agenda a 1st draft report of the 2010 FIFA World Cup which I've been told will be finalized within the next 2 days for all of us to table at our Councils.

The commitment to purpose, and our resolve to carry out what we set out to do, must be carried forward to translate into service delivery to our communities. We cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

The much vaunted need for the upgrading of our Regional Sewer Works is taking shape. It is clear that with the number of new human settlements in our District, something had to give. The sewer was the first to go. The continued development of the District was held ransom by the lack of investment in our sewer works.

We are committed to the development of our communities. Sedibeng is growing in leaps and bounds. It would have grown much faster had it not been for the sewer issue. I am happy to notice that at last there seems to be movement from the National Government on this matter.

The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport has come to the party with the allocation of R 200 million for development of roads in our District. Dear Colleagues, I can assure you that our communities were becoming impatient about this matter. I hope that we will be able to give them what they have been waiting for. It could not have come at the most opportune time.

We are coming to the final lap of our five year IDP cycle. As the custodians of the Municipality IDP, the question arises, "Have we done enough to guide the planning decisions in respect of our IDP? If not, what can we do going forward?"

I hope that we will be able to translate the planning decisions built into our IDP into tangible service delivery programmes that I communities will look to adopt as their own. We will also include in our discussion today how we approach the next 5 year IDP as an outgoing politically elected body.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to personally invite you once again to the District Wide Mayoral Imbizo to be held later today.

I thank you