



Welcoming Remarks by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 4th Women in Prayer Day, Thursday, 5 August 2010, Meyerton Town Hall, Midvaal Local Municipality, in Sedibeng

Programme Director;

All Women present here today;

SACC Women's Sector and other faith based organizations present;

Pastor Nomqibelo Masie;

Reverend Nkomo;

Lesedi fm le ba mamedi hohle moo ba le teng;

Members of the Media Fraternity;

People of Sedibeng

Programme Director, my role here today is a very simple one, but as it is custom, I will always take liberties to say a few words. The theme of our Women's Month as already stated is **“Women, engine for empowerment and Equality-Basadi, enjene ya tswelopele le Tekatekano.”**

If there was any doubt about our commitment to this theme, one only has to take a look at **Sedibeng District Municipality** and the manner we do our things.

Our continued improvement and development in **Sedibeng District Municipality** is linked to the stature of Women who lead this Municipality. Under the stewardship of our esteemed **Madam Speaker Cllr Kedibone Mokgotsi**, we continue to excel from one financial year to the next. We can never thank you enough.

Madam Speaker in Emfuleni Local Municipality, Cllr Gretha Hlongwane continues to lead the highly populated Emfuleni from strength to strength. The fact that Emfuleni was at one stage under Project Consolidate is now history.

The fact that Emfuleni continues to get favourable audit reviews, says volumes of her leadership. For that we thank you.

Madam Speaker, Maria Phala in Lesedi Local Municipality, without let or hindrance, continues to lead our constituent Local Municipality, like a bridge over troubled waters to peace and calm. For the sterling work, Sedibeng is grateful.

Speaker, Midvaal Local Municipality, Cllr Ron Smit, we thank you for going out of your way to provide us with the venue for this esteemed occasion. Your commitment to the cause of women is appreciated.

I also take this opportunity to thank **Lesedi FM**, which continues to support our events here in Sedibeng District Municipality. Your support for the Women Month Programme is inspiring to say the least.

To all the women of Sedibeng, we can never thank you enough. Your support for all the programmes of the Municipality is very pleasing and it gives us much courage as we move forward in the development of Sedibeng.

To our most critical stakeholder, members of the media fraternity, we thank you for your balanced reporting of the things we do here in Sedibeng. It was while the entire country was looking for doom and gloom about the so-called “Service Delivery unrests”, you were able to provide an objective report to the true nature of affairs in Sedibeng.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the **Project Management Team** which worked tirelessly in making this **Women Prayer Meeting** a success. I also wish to point out that **Sedibeng District Municipality** will always lead the way in **Women Development and Equality**. This is evident by the number of **Women who constitute the Mayoral Committee**, which

consists of five **Women of Substance**, making up more than fifty percent of my cabinet.

It is perhaps interesting to notice that during the formative stages of the ANC, women were not allowed to attend meetings of this Glorious Movement except as providers of food to the men. It is with pride that this Great Movement is today led by stalwarts such as our outstanding Madam Speaker, Cllr Kedibone Mogotsi, who continues to do sterling work in our Region.

The ANC, continues in this trend, to have very high ranking positions being held by women, including the position of the National Chairperson, Ms Kgosiitsile Baleka-Mbete.

Malibongwe! Ke ya leboha!