



Keynote Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the IDP Review consultation with the NGO's & CBOs Sectors held on Monday, 11 October 2010, at the Saul Tsoetsi Sports Complex, Sebokeng in Sedibeng

Programme Director

Madam Speaker: Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Kedibone Mogotsi;

Members of Mayoral Committee present;

Representatives from our CBOs & NGOs present;

Our Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me take this opportunity to once again thank you for your presence here today.

As I said when I spoke with the Senior Citizens and the Religious Sectors on Friday in the same process, I am aware that you may not find it sufficient that we may not be meeting each other as frequent as we would like, however, we are trying our best to ensure that we meet with you as

regularly as we can possibly be able to and I assure you that we are working on improving such.

Programme Director, our meeting here today will be affording our CBOs & NGOs and opportunity to engage the District Municipality on issues that affect their livelihood and existence in the region. It is therefore for this reason that I invite you all to ensure that we leave this meeting satisfied that we have all played our role in ensuring a better life for all in District.

These discussions will serve and form part of our Integrated Development Plan for the year to come. Your contributions will therefore assist a great deal and we must together be able to say it is indeed our collective Plan.

We must be able to proudly say that this IDP represents what the you and our communities want and it could be that some of the issues may have been omitted or need more emphasis, it is for that reason that we call for your inputs to assist the Sedibeng District Municipality to provide focus in light of what our communities may wish for.

You will remember that you were not part of our processes previously and we have decided to ensure that this year we improve and ensure that you are surely brought on board.

In conclusion Programme Director, I am aware that there are challenges and we have put in place some processes to ensuring that we improve on those.

Madam Speaker, as I reported in the IDP meeting I referred to earlier, I am pleased to inform our Stakeholders here today that we have agreed among other on the following in our attempt of improving our interface with our communities and various stakeholders in this regard:

- That the Office of the Speaker in Sedibeng would have continuous monthly or quarterly stakeholders meetings with all the sectors of the community to ensure continuous engagement with all the sectors;
- That to ensure proper processing and coordination of issues raised in these meetings, all our Cluster Departments must attend the IDP review analysis;
- That our IDP presentations should be structured in a manner that is simple and speaking to your clear service delivery matters in each sector;
- That our Stakeholders Database must be regularly updated to maximize our community participation;

- We will improve on ensuring that your funding, capacity, donation infrastructural requirements are reasonably attended to.

In the main, this is to ensure that your concerns such as the following are sufficiently addressed:

- A concern regarding the effectiveness of the stakeholder participation processes and the consideration of issues you raise for IDP;
- The lack of regular and continuous engagement with yourselves;
- The alleged insufficient access by yourselves to the political principals, particularly the Speaker and Executive Mayor;
- That the Clustering of the Religious Sector and the Senior citizen was not strategic and be relooked;

I commit myself and the Sedibeng District Municipality to ensuring that by that we meet again next time, majority if not all of these issues would have been addressed.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the efforts you took from your busy schedules to come and provide us with the benefit of your wisdom. Please listen attentively and make your inputs in the presentation which is to be made for your engagements

I thank you