



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Gauteng Census 2011 Launch 30th November 2010, at Nasrec Expo Centre.

Programme Director:

Acting Premier of Gauteng Province: Mr Mandla Nkomfe;

Statistician General: Mr Pali Lehohla;

Executive Manager: Stats SA: Dr Mohale;

DDG Population and Social Statistics: Ms Kefiloe Masiteng;

Field Operations Manager: Stats SA: Thabo Manchidi;

Project Director: Stats SA: Mr Calvin Molongoana;

Our Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen

I rise to bring you greetings from the beautiful **Sedibeng District Municipality** on the Southern part of **Gauteng Province**. It is with the target dates and deadlines set for the **Millennium Development Goals** fast approaching that we are once again called upon to take stock of the population which requires the services which are provided by government.

Programme Director, it is common cause that no single development can be done without planning. No planning can be considered complete without the extent of the problem, let alone the number of beneficiaries any such planning is targeting.

The launch of the **2011 Gauteng Census** is indicative of the commitment of **South Africa** to serious planning. The value of the accurate statistics provided by Statistics South Africa under the sterling leadership of **Mr Pali Lehohla** our **Statistician General** over the years is encouraging.

The good planning which has characterized our efforts in providing services to the communities of Sedibeng has in the main hinged on the statistics provided by **Stats SA**, and we are highly indebted to the men and women who have provided us with this invaluable planning tool.

As Sedibeng District Municipality we are looking forward to another set of statistics as we move closer to the **2014** deadlines for the **Millennium Development Goals**.

It is as we move into the new planning cycle after the **2011 Local Government Elections** that we will need the accurate statistics which are provide by **Stats SA** to deal with the impact of in-migration and out-migration in the District.

This will help us to develop plans and programmes that will best address the demands of the ever increasing population in the **District**. As it has become the norm, I know that I will be receiving the most accurate statistics again. This will ensure our spot on planning and provision of services to our communities.

Programme Director, 2011 Census is everyone's business. We all have a role to play. I pledge my support and the support of the entire **Sedibeng District Municipality** towards this noble and critical course.

I will go out of my way to mobilize the support and commitment of our counterparts in our constituent local Municipalities. This will not be all I will bring to the table; I undertake to mobilize the community of Sedibeng to come to the party.

Our ward committees and **Community Development Workers** will not be found wanting. Our ward councillors will be roped in to take their part in this clarion call. It is indeed our responsibility to know the growth or otherwise of the communities we serve.

Acting Premier, Sedibeng District Municipality undertakes to provide support to the **District Census Committee**. The doors to my office stand open to provide the necessary support to ensure successful execution of

the 2011 Gauteng Census. I hope that the **District Census Committee** will not hesitate to seek our assistance.

The **Sedibeng District Municipality**, with all the infrastructure and facilities available, will be greatly honoured to provide some of these facilities for the **Stats SA** as they go about this important task of counting our communities. We look at this as our little contribution to this huge task.

To the extent to which this is possible, we will also assist in the recruitment of **Core Census Staff** in the **Municipality**. We hope that our involvement will assist in cutting down on the time it takes to get this task off the ground.

In conclusion, I believe that the **2011 Gauteng Census** will provide the necessary planning tool for our planning going forward. I have the distinct honour and pleasure to acknowledge, welcome and introduce the Acting Premier of Gauteng Province, Honourable Mandla Nkomfe.

I Thank You.