



Speaking Notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 29th Special Meeting of the Mayoral Committee Meeting held on the 14th March 2011.

Distinguished Members of the Mayoral Committee
The Municipal Manager & Management Team
Officials

I take this opportunity to welcome you to this Special Meeting of the Mayoral Committee. It is that time again as we come to the end of our political term, the time when we are winding down the clock towards the 2011 Local Government Elections. We are once again expected to go and renew our mandate from our communities.

The renewal of this mandate by our communities is dependent on how well we have met their expectations during this term. The question we need to be asking ourselves is, whether we really believe that we have done enough?

If not, what still needs to be done? Can we convince our communities to trust us with their vote?

We are currently in consultations with our stakeholders through the IDP Public Participation processes. We are going all steam ahead to ensure that our bridging IDP will be finalized soon. This is a legal requirement in line with the option which we chose. We will have completed the process soon.

Upon completion and the adoption of the IDP, this will then lead us to the State of the District Address to present to our communities what we have planned for them. The State of the District Address will be preceded by the IDP Lekgotla with a view to fine tune the IDP.

We are currently in the Human Rights month. This is in recognition of the role which was played by the community of Sharpeville in bringing into world focus the people's disgust against apartheid. As we prepare ourselves for the 51st Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre, I take this opportunity to call for your support for these events.

The first of which is the Human Rights lecture which will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Desmond Tutu Hall of Vaal University of Technology.

The ruling party, our ANC has set out our priorities for the coming political term. We are expected to do more in an accountable manner. I know that we will be equal to the task upon receiving our new mandate.

I am further informed that the Office of the MECs responsible for Roads & Transport and Agriculture & Rural Development are planning a joint Imbizo to be held in Mamello, Ward 1 of Midvaal on the 23rd March 2011.

Since we have been planning our District Wide Imbizo scheduled for the same Municipality, it will be advisable to work together with the Provincial Government in the Izimbizo that they have planned for Midvaal.

This joint Imbizo will be followed by the Premier's Imbizo in Lakeside, Ward 6 of Midvaal on the 6th April 2011. This one of the decisions of the previous Premier's Coordinating Forum which was held on the 4th February 2011.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to place the following reports for your consideration:

- State of the District Address-The Year 2011
- IDP Process and Progress
- Status Quo Report: Human Rights Month
- Budget Principles and Status

I Thank You.