



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor; Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Public Participation Stakeholder engagement with CBO and NGO's held in Sedibeng, on the 14th March 2011.

Programme Director

Our NGO and CBO's

Our mothers and guardians of Sedibeng

Setjhaba sa Sedibeng

Our Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

I bring you greetings from the Sedibeng District Municipality. It is as we enter the month of March 2011, the month which defines who we are as Sedibeng District Municipality. The month in which 51 years ago, the community of Sharpeville stood up to say to the entire world: Enough is enough, Africans in particular and South Africans in general can no longer stand the separation of brother from brother.

This led to the massacre of our people which heralded the Sharpeville Massacre. This act of selflessness has bestowed on us the honour of being the Cradle of Human Rights Struggles as well as the Constitutional home of South Africa.

Your contribution to the liberation of South Africa and the sacrifices you have made brings pride to the community of Sedibeng in particular and the South African nation in general. It is not an error of judgment that the 21st March is determined as the Human Rights Day in South Africa.

As we move to commemorate the 51st Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre, Sedibeng District Municipality once again looks forward to your support as we once again look to host the entire nation to spend time in your honour here in Sedibeng. As the gracious hosts, I know that we can expect your warm hearts, hands and embrace to make our guests welcome.

It is my intention here today to provide the feedback to you as our important stakeholder as to what happened to your inputs you all made last year in October. Through the various IDP Public Participation process last year, we listened as you told us that which you wanted.

We heard and recorded everything you wanted to be done by your Municipality.

A lot of our communities still have to be convinced that these stakeholder engagements work. I am here today to provide an answer so that all of you present here today may provide independent proof. We as Sedibeng District Municipality value your inputs. We are only as good as the quality of inputs we receive from you.

Last year in October, you our important stakeholder raised the issue of the expansion of tarred roads, street lights and the maintenance thereof in Sebokeng. The roads are being tarred throughout Sebokeng as we speak whilst others have been completed. In Zone 7 we were able to hand over Thorometsane and Sekwati streets and other streets to the community in January. The streets in Zone 03 are complete and are providing great ease for the entire Region to drive through.

The maintenance of high mast lights is continuing and most of them are working properly. I am glad with the regular reports from the community to the Electrical Department which has created a special street lighting maintenance unit. All the reports on high mast lights not working have been attended to.

Suffice it to mention that together with the many other issues you raised last year, on the 03rd and 04th of February last week, a Strategic session was held in Sedibeng to develop plans to deal with these matters.

All the outstanding matters will receive our attention and will find expression in our planning.

In conclusion, I wish to inform that this current IDP 2011/2012, is a bridging IDP. This is unlike the other five year IDP's, is only for the next financial year. This is made so with a view to allow the new political leadership which will be elected in May, the space to develop their own priorities with you.

It is my hope and wish that you will be there to walk the long road with the Council which will be elected then. I have no doubt in my mind that you have indeed registered to vote and I know for sure that you are going to vote. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated.

I Thank You.