



**Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality: MMC Busisiwe Nxube
on the occasion of the official opening of the Agricultural Field
of study at the Hoerskool Vereeniging held in Sedibeng, on the
17th March 2011.**

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Honourable Pieter Mulder;

MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development: Ms Nandi Mayathula-Khoza;

Department of Education District Director: Mme Dora Moloj;

Principal Hoerskool Vereeniging: Mr SE Beeslaar

Educators and Learners of Hoerskool Vereeniging;

Parents & Guardians;

Representatives from Agri Gauteng;

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 Sedibeng District, the honour of being the Cradle of Human Rights Struggles of South Africa as well as the home of South African Constitution.

It is in the light of all students, at least the great majority of learners are blinded by the glitter and glamour of Information Technology and studies in Financial Fields, that I am greatly encouraged by the opening of this field of study in Agriculture here at Hoerskool Vereeniging.

The glamour attached to other educational fields dims in comparison to the world demand for food in the time of global warming. One has only to go back in the history of Vereeniging in the 1970's. Vereeniging was the net producer of maize and many staple diets for the entire country. It is not surprising that we had and still have a milling company and its infrastructure intact in town today.

In conclusion, I bow to the wisdom of the Hoerskool Vereeniging in opening the Agricultural field of Study. This will go a long way in ensuring that South Africa in particular and Sedibeng in general will play its role in world food security.

I Thank You