



**Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor;  
Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Premier's  
Coordinating Forum held in Sedibeng, on the 18th March  
2011.**

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Gauteng Premier: Ms Nomvula Mokonyane;

MEC for Local Government and Housing: Mr Humphrey Mmemezi;

All MEC's here present;

All the Executive Mayors in Gauteng Province;

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

The hosting of this **PCF** here today, signals the support and indicates the confidence which our **Premier, Cde. Nomvula Mokonyane** and the **Gauteng Cabinet** has in **Sedibeng**. The fact that this **PCF** is entrusted to us on the eve of the watershed **2011 Local Government Elections** is not lost on us.

We value this confidence, as much as we relish the challenge to put our best foot forward to execute on this mandate. The community of Sedibeng is greatly honoured by this gesture.

In recognition of this honour bestowed on us by the **Gauteng Province**, we as **Sedibeng District Municipality** undertake and commit ourselves to ensure that **all our citizens and communities participate in the upcoming Local Government Elections** in order to embrace a free and democratic South Africa.

This commitment is not made lightly. I know and believe that with the will of the communities, the assistance which is provided by the Premier in this regard, the unwavering support we receive from the **MEC for**

**Local Government and Housing, Mr. Humphrey Mmemezi**, we are guaranteed to succeed.

It is as we enter the final stretch of our mandate as deployed by the **Glorious Movement** in the **Local Government** sphere that the question arises: Have we done enough? Can and will the communities entrust us with their mandate once again?

The answers to these questions are there for all to see. But at the fear of sounding our own trumpets, the report by the **South African Race Relations**, an independent body makes very interesting reading.

In its executive summary it leads by saying: **Failure of Service delivery is a myth**. The report goes on to show how **2.5 million houses** have been built since the dawn of **ANC** led democracy.

The number of people who have access to piped water and electricity is amazing, the disappearance of pit latrines from the **South African** landscape. **Gauteng** province is at the fore-front of these successes.

I have no doubt that the Executive Mayors here present must take the credit for the work that went into these successes. The support from the **Gauteng** province must also be applauded. **Sedibeng District**

**Municipality** is looking forward to this support as we prepare ourselves for the transition from a District Municipality into a Metro.

We are convinced that your continued support will ensure that by the next **Local Government Elections** after 2011, we will also join the league of the **Metropolitan Councils in the Gauteng Province**.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to welcome the **Premier of Gauteng, Honourable Nomvula Mokonyane, MEC for Local Government and Housing, Honourable Humphrey Mmemenzi, all the Executive Mayors and colleagues** here present.

**Sedibeng District Municipality** and the community of Sedibeng in general, wish you fruitful deliberations.

Sedibeng District Municipality and the community of Sedibeng takes this opportunity to extend an invitation to all of you here present to commemorate with us the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre on the 21<sup>st</sup> March next week to mark the Human Rights Day.

**I Thank You**