



**Speaking Notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality, Executive Mayor
Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 54th Meeting of
Council held in Vereeniging, Sedibeng, on the 20th April 2011.**

Madam Speaker: Cllr. Kedibone Mogotsi;
All Members of the Mayoral Committee;
All Councillors;
Esteemed Community of Sedibeng

I welcome you all at this 54th Meeting of Council which forms part of the last series of meeting we will hold constituted in this manner. This is as a result of the countdown to the much anticipated 2011 Local Government Elections on the 18th May next month.

Madam Speaker, these coming elections have generated much energy and I look forward to this energy taken to well beyond the conclusion of the election business. It is well and good that these elections are coming at the beginning of winter which will ensure that we are warmed up for the winter.

Madam Speaker, we have had the opportunity to engage long and hard with our communities on the path we have envisioned for the future of Sedibeng District Municipality, a process your office was an integral part of.

Our communities have spoken and we have taken their inputs and advice to fine-tune the plans we have. We stand here before all and sundry with the conviction that we have built in their inputs to come up with an IDP which they can call theirs.

It is as we come to the end of this current political term of office that we can safely say: We have indeed, together with our communities, brought about a speedy service delivery. We stand on a very firm platform to build strong communities together.

Our IDP this year will only cater for the financial year 2011/2012. This is in view of the fact that the 2011 Local Government Elections comes in May and that it would be necessary to have a plan in place to carry the onerous business of Council forward whilst the incoming Council is finding its feet.

To that end, the need to have an approved budget and IDP demanded that this year we have a slightly different approach to the way we do things.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, we are a very privileged lot today. We are the host of many an honoured guests today as we prepare to host people

coming from far and wide. We are expected to bring our best foot forward, stand up to be counted as one of the most gracious hosts our visitors shall have had in a long time. This will ensure that they are quick to come back and visit again.

It is just as well that the pots are on the boil, the tables are set and the stage is set for the presenting of the State of the District later today. I hope this will urge us to move with speed so that we are able to provide our guests with the warm welcome we have become famous for.

With the powers vested in me, I do hereby place the following agenda items for your attention:

- Final IDP: 2011/2012 Financial Year
- Final Operating and Capital Budget: 2011/201 to 2013/2014 Financial Years

I Thank You.