



**Welcome Address by the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the visit by the Mauritius Delegation held on the 09<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in Sedibeng**

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**His Excellency: Vice Prime Minister Xavier-Luc Duval of Mauritius  
The Highly Honoured Delegation from Mauritius  
Permanent Secretary, Mrs P Roy,  
Chairman of NEP, Mr R Desveaux,  
Second Secretary, Mr H Unnuth,  
The Delegation from the Department of International Relations and  
Cooperation  
Madam Speaker; Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr Busi Modisakeng  
Members of the Mayoral Committee of Sedibeng District Municipality**

It is a great honour to the Sedibeng District Municipality to play host to this important delegation. It is not every day that we are called upon to provide a home to delegates from other countries on the African Continent.

The fact that the Department of International Relations and Cooperation chose Sedibeng District Municipality to be the host for this important mission speaks volumes about us.

His Excellency: Vice Prime Minister Duval, Sedibeng District Municipality, the people of Sedibeng, will without any doubt, offer you our warm welcome. They are ready and willing to provide you with the necessary assistance you and your delegation may need during your visit here.

I hope that you will find the answers to your study in the programmes and projects we have in place here in Sedibeng. These project and programmes would not have been possible without the support and commitment by the National Government and the Gauteng Provincial Government.

It is not a coincidence that we have as a country adopted a pro-poor strategy, this is made so as a result of over 300 years of systemic disadvantage visited to a very large majority of South Africans. This strategy is beginning to bear fruits as we are beginning to see the rolling back of the frontiers of poverty in our communities.

I hope that your visit to Evaton, the oldest township in the Sedibeng District, will provide the answers to your questions, the well run school feeding schemes as well as the extensive housing provision and the basket of services provided by the government in poverty alleviation. I believe you will

draw as much inspiration in these projects as we the civil servants of this proud nation draws in being agents of this meaningful change.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to welcome **His Excellency, the Vice Prime Minister Duval of Mauritius, the Permanent Secretary, Ms P Roy, Chairman of NEP, Mr R Desveaux, the Second Secretary, Mr H Unnuth,** the Department of International Relations and Cooperation here in Sedibeng. I hope that you will enjoy the warm welcome which we have become known for.

I hope all of you and your families will find the time to come back and visit Sedibeng again, time and busy schedules permitting.

I Thank You.