



**Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality, Executive Mayor Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Joint Mayor's Forum held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011.**

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Executive Mayor, Emfuleni Local Municipality, Cllr Greta Hlongwane;  
Executive Mayor, Lesedi Local Municipality, Cllr. Lerato Maloka;  
Executive Mayor, Midvaal Local Municipality, Cllr Timothy Nast;  
Municipal Managers & your Team

I take this opportunity to thank you for making time to attend the first meetings of the Joint Mayors in 2011. Seeing as this is the first meeting of this nature this year compliments of the New Season are in order. Welcome to the Mayors Forum.

This sitting comes a few days after the State of the Nation Address by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Honorable Jacob Zuma. I take it we are all ready to fall in line towards making his pronouncements a reality to the entire communities of Sedibeng.

I take this opportunity to condemn the senseless violence and threats to our communities by faceless people parading under the guise of service

delivery protests. I hope that the police will deal with this matter conclusively.

It is in the light of the climate change as well as the carbon footprint which we are leaving as Sedibeng District that I am encouraged by the report on the progress made in respect of the installation of Solar powered geysers here in Sedibeng District. We hope that soon we will be able to make this a viable alternative to the amount of fossil deposits which we are depleting at an alarming rate.

It is as we begin to break into the bottlenecks created by the Regional Sanitation Scheme. It is as we begin to grapple with this matter that I am encouraged that at last the development of the entire Region will be propelled forward. I am sure that this forum will provide guidance on the best method of taking this issue forward.

Let me take this opportunity to announce that the first meeting of the Mayoral Investment Council held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, was a huge success in many aspects. First, the MIC has committed itself to selflessly serve the district with no expectation of the slighted reward except serving the citizens of our area. Secondly members of MIC are gearing themselves to assist the municipalities towards contributing in the implementation of strategic projects as identified in Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy.

Very soon SDM will be presenting the Shift Impact Assessment Report with regard to Sedibeng Development Agency. I therefore humbly call for your support around this project because of its long term objectives, that of fast tracking both bankable and other sustainable income generating projects.

It is therefore my submission that both SDA and MIC in strategic partnership with Gauteng Advisory Body will turn the district and its locals to a highly performing municipality.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Honourable Executive Mayors, as we prepare ourselves for the greater development of the District, with a view to move into the Metropolitan System of government, which will ultimately lead us to becoming a valued member in the Global City Region, I think it is time now to venture into this matter.

We need to be ready to join the many other Metros with clarity and maturity gained through being one of the best performing District Municipalities.

As we enter the last phase of our political mandate, we are expected to account to the communities we serve. To that end, it is my intention to host a District-Wide Mayoral Imbizo on the 08<sup>th</sup> March 2011. In this regard, I hope that the Honorable Timothy Nast will be able to assist with the provision of the venue at the Sicelo stadium in Midvaal for the event.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to wish the Proteas, our cricket team well in the ICC World Cup Tournament in India. I have no doubt that with our local seam bowler Morne Morkel leading the stakes in taking wickets.

I Thank You.