

**ADDRES BY HIS WORSHIP CLLR MORRIS MATABOGE
THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF WATERBERG DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITY DURING THE UNISA LIMPOPO
WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SHAPING
FUTURES GOLF CHALLENGE HELD ON THE 23RD JUNE
2017 AT ZEBULA GOLF ESTATE IN BELABELA LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY AT 18H00.**

*Programme Director, Dr Jackie Mphafudi, who is also the
Chairperson of Unisa,*

Mayor of Bela Bela Local Municipality Cllr Ngobeni,

Speaker of Waterberg District Municipality Cllr Lamola,

District Chief Whip Cllr Tsebe,

MMCs present here tonight,

Unisa Limpopo Regional Director, Professor Moloko Sepota,

Director of Institutional Advancement, Mr David Farirai

Management of Zebula Golf Estate,

Business Community,

Sponsors,

*Players from various Municipalities, Private sector, Sector
Departments and Agencies,*

The Media Houses present,

*Officials from the WDM led by the Municipal Manager Sam
Mabotja, who is also a golf player,*

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen

Good Evening!

Let me from the onset convey my appreciation for your presence to this grand occasion. We are meeting this evening during the Youth Month as we remember the role played by the Class of 1976 in the struggle for our liberation.

The youth month, celebrated under the theme:” **The year of O.R.Tambo: Advancing Youth Economic Empowerment**”, pays tribute to the school pupils who lost their lives during the 16 June uprising in Soweto.

OR Tambo was an outstanding revolutionary, internationalist, the strategist and architect of our national struggle. He is the hero of our liberation struggle who shaped the country’s vision, mission and value system.

He mobilised and united the national, continental and international forces whose sustained action led to the collapse of apartheid. It is for us to emulate O.R. Tambo by sharing his ideas and delivering quality services to our communities.

Programme Director, tonight we are deepening and cementing our partnership and relationship with one of the best universities in the world. By now everybody is aware of this partnership as it comes a long way.

Let me also indicate that one of the schools that benefited from the **“Adopt a school library campaign”**, that the Waterberg District Municipality rolled out in partnership with UNISA, Seoketseng High, obtained 100% pass rate in 2015 and 2016 respectively in the Grade 12 results.

The signing of a three year Memorandum of Agreement tonight, is in line with the provisions of the Inter-Governmental Relations Framework Act no. 13 of 2005.

We are definitely sure that this twinning agreement will benefit the youth of Limpopo and Waterberg in particular to further their studies at Unisa.

Ladies and gentlemen, from now onwards, this event will be known as the **Unisa Limpopo Waterberg District Municipality Shaping Futures Golf Challenge**. The fact that the proceeds generated from the event shall be used towards bursaries for Unisa students coming from the greater Limpopo region, bears testimony to our resolve to shape the future of our children through education. It is through education that we shall be able to deal with the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment.

One of the objectives of this event is to build strategic partnerships to improve on regional stakeholder engagement. We call upon all stakeholders within the district and beyond to come on board, especially the private sector so that this initiative can contribute towards the education of our children.

Waterberg is the only district in Limpopo that does not provide bulk services. We only depend on equitable shares and our revenue base is very limited. Hence our partnership with Unisa is based on saving costs. We are now eleven months in office as the political leadership elected after 2016 Local Government Elections and more work needs to be done.

Programme Director, it has come to our attention that our district Inter-Governmental structures are not functioning accordingly. They need to be resuscitated to foster integrated development planning in order to transform the living conditions of the people of Waterberg.

Our district has an abundance of mineral resources. We intend to visit mining houses one by one to make them commit to our vision in terms of their Social Labour Plans. Mining houses usually do not commit themselves when you call them to a stakeholder meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen, tonight is not the night for long speeches, but to celebrate our sealed partnership with Unisa. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors who contributed in kind towards the success of this event. Special thanks to the organising committee for the job well done.

It is only fair to acknowledge that it takes a lot of sacrifice, in various forms, to successfully organise an event such as this one. You deserve a big applause. As I conclude, I would like to congratulate all the participants who have emerged victorious.

For those that did not win anything, please do not despair, your participation provided a formidable force that made it possible for the competition to happen. We thank you and commend you.

Please don't go away and enjoy some of our tourist attractions and make friends. We look forward to your pleasurable return as we are on the go for growth.

Together we move Waterberg, Limpopo Province and South Africa Forward.

I THANK YOU