

NOTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

BIRTHDAY

5 FEBRUARY 2020

BAKONE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

11H00

Programme Director, MMC Hlungwane,

Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality Cllr Matsemela,

Speaker of the District Cllr Lamola

District Chief Whip Cllr Tsebe,

Our host Kgoshi Matlala,

The Traditional Council of Bakone- “ba ka difokeng”

Deputy Chairperson of the Local House of Traditional Leaders, Kgoshi Mahlangu,

Executive Committee of the Local House of Traditional Leaders,

All Traditional Leaders present and Bakgoma,

MMCs and All Councillors present,

Representatives of Mogalakwena Mine – Anglo Platinum,

Our Senior Citizens,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen.

Thobela.

- Let me start by passing warm greetings and compliments of the New Year from the Waterberg District Council. I also feel honoured to celebrate this

special day of my life with traditional leaders and all of you gathered here today

- Let me also convey special thanks to the Traditional Council of Bakone, under the leadership of Kgoshi Matlala for acceding to our request to host this special event.
- This is not a meeting, where political speeches are to be presented, or resolutions are to be taken, this just a special day for me and the district at large to enjoy, have fun and celebrate with our beloved Traditional Leaders of the district.
- This year marks 26 years of a democratic breakthrough led by the African National Congress. This year also marks 108 years of the birth and formation of the ANC wherein our Traditional leaders participated.
- The institution of Traditional Leadership is the bedrock of our constitutional democracy. For us to succeed we look to traditional leaders to be active defenders of democracy and agents of inclusive development.
- We look to the traditional leaders to work with government and other social partners to build a capable state that will deliver quality services to our communities.
- The former and late President Nelson Mandela addressed the inauguration of the National Council of Traditional Leaders in 1997. During his address, president Mandela had this to say: **(I quote) "And so we meet, as descendants of these valiant fighters, in a different setting, in a different era, to plan for peace and not war, to promote unity and not division, to forge a common nationhood and not exclusive privilege"** (Unquote).
- These words exemplify not only the abiding spirit that Mandela sought to promote, but also the challenges that still confront us, as a nation, as leaders and citizens of this great nation called South Africa,
- Traditional Leadership need to play a prominent and influential role in the growth of the economy, the creation of employment and the transformation of society

Programme Director, we are also obliged to do so by the District Development Model (DDM), also known as the **Khawuleza Model** (meaning hurry up) that was launched by the President of South Africa Honourable Matamela Ramaphosa on the 26th November 2019 in Lephalale. Waterberg is one of the three municipalities chosen to pilot this model and be fully implemented in the 2020/2021 financial year by all 44 districts and 8 metros in the country.

- The Khawuleza Model identifies district municipalities as centres for Integrated Development Planning and Service Delivery by all three spheres of government to provide quality services to communities across the country. The model is also aimed at strengthen Intergovernmental Relations structures. No more planning in silos as government and other organs of civil society.
- This is witnessed today by the partnership that we enjoying with the mining fraternity. Mogalakwena Mine or Anglo Platinum is here today contributing laptops towards the development of Traditional Leadership Council in the district.
- This is just the beginning of our partnership – we still expecting more towards community development to come from this sector.
- As government in the district we want to build partnership with traditional leaders to tackle the challenge of youth unemployment. As part of the measures to accelerate land distribution, the 54th National Conference of the ANC resolved that where appropriate and justifiable, land will be expropriated without compensation.
- The programme of land reform must have clear targets and timeframes, guided by legal and economic principles, and must contribute to the country to overall job creation and investment attraction.
- By providing more land to more producers for cultivation, and by providing the necessary support, we shall be laying the foundation for agricultural revolution.
- We are ready to work with traditional leaders to expand agriculture, not only to ensure food security, but also to create jobs. We need to create

opportunities for young people in rural areas- whether through, education, internship or employment. We will not succeed in developing rural areas if the youngest, most active and most skilled people leave for the cities and towns.

- This means that we need to make agriculture an attractive and viable career for young people. We also need to improve and properly resource TVET Colleges and other training institutions in rural areas.
- We look to our traditional leaders to work with government and other social partners to build a capable state that will deliver clean water, sanitation. Clinics, and tarred roads especially those who live in our remote rural villages.

Honourable Traditional Leaders, we look to you to mobilise communities in the fight against poverty, inequality, unemployment, disease and illiteracy. Like traditional leaders of the days gone by, we look to you to take a lead in promoting education, industry and commerce.

Programme Director, today is not a day of speeches but celebration. Let me once more thank the Local House of Traditional Leaders for their participation in all our strategic meetings and events. We pledge to work with you going forward. I also thank all the congratulatory messages this indeed is a privilege as I grow older by the year.

Let me thank everybody who came all the way to celebrate with me this special day of my life.

Together with Traditional Leaders can do more for our district.

I THANK YOU!!!