

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE  
MAYOR DURING SALGA COUNCILLOR  
INDUCTION WORKSHOP**

**06 DECEMBER 2021**

**WDM CHAMBER**

Programme Facilitators,

The Speaker, Cllr. Molokomme,

MMC`s,

Fellow Councillors,

Officials from both SALGA and the district

Ladies and gentlemen.

**GOOD MORNING, THOBELA!**

It gives me great pleasure and privilege to extend cordial words of welcome to all delegates, especially those that are attending the induction for the first time.

I trust you well after a hectic period of constituting municipal councils preceded by elections which happened within a very short period of time.

Programme Facilitator, allow me to also express my gratitude to the organisers of this workshop in particular SALGA, for contributing to the arrangements and funding of this timely and needed induction.

We hope not only to gain more insight of the operations of local government but also to strengthen ties and forge cooperation in our battle to improve service delivery to our constituencies.

I'm thankful that SALGA, in pursuance of its mandate to support municipalities, has convened this important workshop to contribute to a comprehensive background and understanding of local government and to boost our leadership capabilities.

In 1999, Dr Nelson Mandela made a powerful statement in the National Assembly on the constitutional mandate of the legislature and institutions supporting democracy. He said:

***“Because the people of South Africa finally chose a profoundly legal path to their revolution, those who frame and enact the constitution and law are in the vanguard of the fight for change.***

***It is in the legislatures that the instruments has been fashioned to create a better life for all.***

***It is here that oversight of government has been exercised. It is here that our society with all its***

***formations has had an opportunity to influence policy and its implementation”.***

It is against this background that it is paramount to share the perspectives of local government for an improved municipal service delivery capacity.

Fellow councillors, this engagement is an opportunity for us to work together to meet our obligations on the right to deliver services.

We have similar goals and objectives, our task is to implement in the best interest of our communities.

We are grateful for the work done by SALGA in bringing us together and ensuring that we best understand legislation and regulations that governs our government.

It is through legislation that we can lay a solid foundation for the creation of a united, democratic, non –sexist and prosperous society.

In conclusion, Programme Director, i want to take this opportunity to once more welcome you to Waterberg District and wish you fruitful deliberations and success during the course of this induction.

**THANK YOU !!**