

WORD OF SUPPORT BY THE HON. MAYOR CLLR MJ MAEKO

Programme Director
Traditional Leaders
Different Companies
Transport Association
Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you for the opportunity to give the words of support on behalf of the collective Leadership of Lephhalale Local Municipality.

Programme Director

Together we will make sure that we advance economic transformation of our area.

We all agree that we have an economic agenda that we must achieve in our life time.

We must translate political emancipation into economic wellbeing for all in order to accelerate progress, deepen democracy and build a more inclusive society.

Medupi Power Station Project's director and your progressive team; thank you, for making this initiative a success! We really appreciate your collective leadership and keep it up for the benefit of our previously disadvantaged people.

Programme Director

These initiatives seek to promote a geographically inclusive economy.

Economic imbalances is not natural, it is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.

This programme must help young people, disability women to earn work experience in transport field and would help us to address unemployment.

What previously disadvantaged people lack today is experience in the world of business. All they need is to be given a chance.

Lephalale Local Municipality and big businesses like Medupi Power Station, Matimba Power Station, Boikarabelo Coal Mine and Exxaro Grootegeeluk Coal Mine should do more to support SMME's.

As Government we are responsible for creating an environment that allows private sector, Participants to invest in order to create jobs and business opportunities.

We will continue to guide and support SMME's and co-operatives to obtain growth; increase skills levels and more importantly, to create more jobs for our people.

We made commitments that at least 30% of procurement will go towards building SMME's and co-operatives locally.

All major projects must have localisation procurement thrust to ensure that SMME's and co-operatives are developed into credible suppliers.

Programme Director

We are convinced that with economic activities taking place in our area, we will impact on the economy of this municipality by ensuring that all companies purchase local and particularly from SMME's and co-operatives.

No political democracy can survive and flourish if the mass of our people remain in poverty and without land, without tangible prospects for better life.

We are calling upon all businesses to work on all integrated and sustainable programmes.

We must bring together strategies to harness all our resources in a coherent and purposeful effort that can be sustained into future.

A people driven process

Our people, with their aspirations and collective determination are our most important resources.

Development is not about the delivery of goods it is about active involved and growing empowerment.

Let us commit ourselves to this course and move Lephalale Forward.

I THANK YOU

Cllr MOLOKO MAEKO

MAYOR