

ADDRESS BY THE PREMIER OF LIMPOPO, AMBASSADOR CHUPU MATHABATHA ON THE OCCASION OF THE KHAWULEZA STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, HELD AT AGANANG.

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Programme Director, MEC Makamu;  
MECs present here;  
Our religious and traditional leaders;  
Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality;  
Mayor of Polokwane Local Municipality;  
All the councillors present in this meeting;  
Community leaders;  
Leaders of non-governmental organisations;  
Esteemed ladies and gentlemen:

I want to thank you very much for responding so well to our invitation to this meeting. We have organised this meeting ahead of the bigger meeting with the community later today. We thought that we should give you as leaders of various stakeholders in the District, an opportunity to interact with the content of today's program before we can engage with the broader community.

As you know, the purpose of our presence in this region is to launch of the District Development Model.

Late last year President Cyril Ramaphosa launched a similar program at the Waterberg District. The Waterberg launch was a resounding success and we hope for a similar response here in Capricorn.

You already know that the model is based on the Khawuleza philosophy. Khawuleza is a call to ensure an integrated, efficient and faster delivery of services to our communities.

As community leaders, I urge you to embrace this model and to learn more about it. Already researchers and development practitioners have endorsed this model. In our meeting with the South African Local Government Association last year we got the assurance that SALGA endorses this model of development. SALGA has embraced this development model and have pledged its support.

Our aim is that everyone should be on board. We want the buy-in and active participation of our traditional leaders, the business community, the NGOs, the religious community and everyone. This is a model that will revolutionise the way government delivers services to communities. As the government of Limpopo we are fully behind this vision by Honourable President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa.

We share his believe that through a district-by-district approach, we can develop South Africa to become a country of our dreams.

This model will facilitated an effective the delivery of services and unlock socio-economic opportunities for our people.

Last year when the President was here, I shared with him some of the developments taking place in this Province.

I have told the President about our flagship projects of Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone and the Tubatse Special Economic Zone.

We have already indicated that the Musina-Makhado SEZ project has already managed to attract a total investment commitment of around R150 billion to the province.

Our humble, but research-based estimations are that both the Tubatse and the Musina-Makhado SEZ projects are expected to create around 28 000 jobs for the people of Limpopo. Once these projects are fully implemented, Limpopo will never be the same again.

We have also shared with the President about the Thabazimbi Mamba Cement project which is also one of the most successful projects currently taking happening in the Province.

The total investment value of this project is R1.65 billion.

This and many other projects will be incorporated into this District Development Model.

This District is a Logistics hub of the Province.

There is simply no development that can take place anywhere in this Province without Capricorn District participating in some way or the other.

I am confident that this District will position itself to harvest from initiatives taking place in some other part of the Province.

I am saying this because your District is the home of the Province's capital city.

Our Province is a mining province.

As you know, mining plays a very crucial role in the economy of this district and the economy of the Province at large.

We continue to work with the mining houses to ensure lasting benefits for the mining communities.

About two months ago we launched a regional development initiative in partnership with Anglo-America, Exxaro, World Vision and the CSIR.

The purpose of the initiative was to establish a partnership to ensure inclusive, collaborative, cross-sectoral initiatives to achieve lasting socio-economic impact.

What makes this partnership more unique is its multi-sectoral approach to issues of development.

The impact areas of the initiative includes the growth and development of our Provincial economy, expanding access to quality health services, ensuring improved access to education, the social upliftment of our communities and the general improvement of service delivery across the Province.

Programme Director;

This meeting does not belong to me.

This meeting belongs to the President and the stakeholders who have responded so positively to our invitation.

I want to conclude my few remarks by urging everyone in our Province to support President Ramaphosa and his great vision for development.

We believe that this is a vision which will take us to a destination of prosperity.

This is a vision that can help us to grow Limpopo and to grow South Africa.

We can indeed grow South Africa, District by District.

I thank you.