



LIMPOPO PREMIER SPEAKS AT HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION DAY



The premier of Limpopo, Mr Cassel Mathale (second from right), Khosikhulu Vho Toni Mphephu Ramabulana (right) and the executive mayor of Vhembe District Municipality (second from left) hand over a food parcel to one of the beneficiaries, Ms Vhangani Mudimeli(left) during the Human Rights celebration at Rabali Stadium.

The Premier of Limpopo the Honorable Mr. Cassel Mathale addressed a multitudes of people attending the Provincial Human Rights Celebration Day at the Rabali Stadium in the Vhembe District Municipality area on the 21 March this year.

Vhembe News presents an abridged key note speech delivered by the Premier at the Human Rights Celebration day.

Programme Director 50 years ago the apartheid regime killed scores of people, including women and children who had gathered to demonstrate against the pass law system and other forms of

oppression in what is today known as the Sharpeville massacre. Other people were also killed in Langa, Cape Town. These brave South Africans openly defied the system and refused to accept its segregation policy. This generation of women and men were more prepared to sacrifice their comfort and lives for the liberation of the country.

The Sharpeville massacre opened a new chapter in South African politics and drastically challenged the political landscape with the African National Congress and other political organizations being outlawed. The massive murder of unarmed demonstrators completely ushered in the new rules of engagement and also motivated

more South Africans to join in the struggle for liberation.

Our people were more determined to fight the oppressive minority regime until victory was attained. They were always stimulated by their common desire to achieve an everlasting freedom. Today, we are meeting here and also in many other parts of the country and in our foreign missions to commemorate their epic resistance and fight, which serves as an absolute legacy never to be forgotten by mankind. We will remain indebted to them and all freedom fighters whose footprints on our history for liberation and equality will never be erased, for their contribution to our wellbeing as a people are monumental.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the unbanning of political organisations, the release of political prisoners and the return of exiled freedom fighters. All these events, together with others led to the 1994 April 27 first democratic elections, which were organized under a new Interim Constitution; a Constitution that has great respect for human rights. For the first time in the history of our country the people were afforded constitutional protection and equal rights, which were previously enjoyed by the few.

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Indeed local government and service delivery is everyone's business. We must make the government a melting pot of all efforts aimed at doing more together. The time has indeed come for us to make effective service delivery urgent and unusual business that cannot be delayed. It is indeed the time for turning words into action. We should live up to effective, efficient and economic municipal service delivery implementation

This edition is taking a bold move to ensure that the Vhembe District Municipality is walking the talk. This edition covers the IDP and Budget consultative meetings which take public participation and consultations directly to where the people live. This not only deepens democracy but translates practically the yearnings of the people to govern themselves. The District municipality took the public consultations to all the four local municipalities. As we speak, consolidation of all inputs will be tabled before Council by the end of May for adoption and implementation in the coming July financial year. Included also are articles on affirmation and confirmation of indeed having adopted a turn around approach to municipal governance. We are assessing also the impact of the implementation of service delivery and transformation. The Premier of the Limpopo Province addressed this in the Provincial Human Rights celebration at Rabali Stadium. Articles covers efforts on addressing key priorities in the District i.e. water, roads, community safety, education, environment and local economic development. Coverage is also on the promotion of special focused groups like the youth . Lest we forget we are now beginning to count days before the opening game of the World Cup. Celebrating the hosting of the World Cup is characterized by Bafana Bafana soccer T-shirts and the disky dances. It is time for every patriotic able body to polish the dance. Yours faithfully is available as a voluntary dancing trainer. Don't forget to buy your tickets on time lest you will pay doctors for eye treatment after the tournament end. What is better than seeing live World Cup greats like Samuel Eto's, Didier Drogba and Mbazo Mokoena?

This edition like others continues to confirm that we are indeed a developmental district municipality. Challenges in services delivery are building blocks to a higher level of municipality performance, believe you me. Like other previous editions this edition is a free bonus for the purpose of ensuring a two- way dialogue. We are playing our part of the dialogue, so join in to make it a real feedback -loop for the betterment of you our district people. Your comments are always welcomed. Why wait, it will be nice hearing from you. Sharp for now; see you during the World Cup games !

The current Constitution furthered all these rights and most importantly contains the chapter that clearly and systematically outlines the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is correctly captured as an account of fundamental Human Rights, which cannot be deviated from.

The Constitution provides that:
“This Bill of Rights is a cornerstone of democracy in South Africa. It enshrines the rights of all people in our country and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom. The State must respect, protect,

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Tidonki Xigubu xa Ka Bungeni displaying their fine art at the Human Rights Day celebration

promote and fulfill the rights in the Bill of Rights”.

It is a Constitutional directive to all organs of State to ensure that the Bill of Rights, which by and large personifies the values underpinning human rights are preserved and respected.

Justice Albie Sachs in his work: *The Strange Alchemy of Life and Law* correctly states that:

“The Bill of Rights exists not simply to ensure that the ‘haves’ can continue to have, but to help create conditions in which the dignity of the ‘have-nots’ can be secured”.

Even in the world whereby human rights are interpreted from various backgrounds; informed by issues of religion, culture and others, as South Africans, our human rights are written and enshrined in the Constitution. **We are one of the few countries in the world which have a Bill of Rights** clearly provided for and articulated in a Constitution.

As the ANC - led government, we will never undermine this directive or frustrate its intention and spirit. We fully appreciate the fact that human rights are superior rights, which are accrued to every person upon conception.

In order to ensure that all organs of State function within the objectives of the Bill of Rights and other International Human Rights Conventions, our Constitution provides for the establishment of the South African Human Rights Commission. The Commission is an independent structure formed to promote respect for human rights, promote the protection, development and attainment of human rights in the country and to ensure that such rights are not violated or sacrificed.

Fundamentally, we have a judiciary which is operating as an independent organ of the State together with other spheres of government. The judiciary is also better located and resourced to ensure that human rights are not trampled on.

The provision of basic services forms part of human rights. The Constitution assertively provides that everyone has the right to have access to health care services,

adequate housing, sufficient food, water and social security.

We will further our work of ensuring that the people of Limpopo are provided with all the basic necessities.

Crime undermines amongst others the dignity and the rights of our people. Our justice system must complement the efforts of police officers in combating crime. Any justice system which can be outmaneuvered by criminals is good for nothing. The French Philosopher Blaise in his writings *Pensees*; *The Provincial Letters*, reminds us that:

“Justice without force is important. Force without justice is tyrannical. Justice without force is infringed because there is always the mean. One must, therefore combine justice and force, and, therefore make strong what is right and make right what is strong”.

We will continue to wage new confrontations against criminals by employing all legal means possible to fight crime, whilst at the same time protecting people. Our justice system must enforce what is right without any fear or favour. We are calling upon all members of the society to join hands with us in ensuring that crime is out-rooted from our communities.

Working together, we can do more!



Limpopo Premier Cassel Mathale photographed with Gospel Singer Robson Rambuwani in a celebratory mood during the Human Rights Day celebration at Rabali Stadium.

UNIVEN INSTALLS A NEW CHANCELLOR



Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa Honourable Mr. Kgalema Motlanthe at his Inauguration as the new Chancellor of the University of Venda

Africa, Kgalema Motlanthe as its new Chancellor on the 09 March this year. The ceremony was held in the University Auditorium.

In his speech, the new Chancellor submitted that government's huge responsibility in higher education is driven in part by the need to make our young people become competitive in today's job market. He went on to explain what this actually means when he said that tertiary institutions must ensure that there is a fit between what is taught and learned in the classroom and the actual skills gaps in our growing and modernizing economy. However, he admitted, the philosophy, practice and quality of tertiary education

cannot be so narrow because higher education must make it possible for graduates to not simply "fit" into existing or potential opportunities in the private, public and non-governmental sectors. It must make its products trail-blazers in their own right, so that they in turn become talents that help South Africa to become competitive in the global knowledge economy.

The Chancellor emphasized that it is when the significance of higher education is imagined in this way that every academic discipline and program clearly apprehends the imperative and urgency of self-renewal.

"We intend to achieve this, conscious that empowerment speaks of the imperative of producing highly skilled graduates and luminaries produced by Univen like Chief Mbangiseni Masia, the South African Deputy Ambassador to the U.N., Advocate D Mashabane, Mr Chris Hlekane who is the General Manager of O.R. Tambo Airport and thousands more who today play leading roles in private and public sectors," said the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa.



The Vice-Chancellor and Principal Prof. P.A Mbatlana flanked by on his right the Premiere of Limpopo Cassel Mathale and on his left the new Chancellor Mr Kgalema Motlanthe

DEPUTY MINISTER LAUNCHED DAMS MONITORING BOAT AT NANDONI DAM

The Deputy Minister of the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs; Mrs Rejoice Mabudafhasi launched the Dams, Monitoring Boat at the Nandoni Picnic Site at Mulembe in the Thulamela Local Municipality on the 18 March 2010.

The ceremony was, amongst others, attended by the Limpopo MEC for Treasury the Honourable Saach Catchalia on behalf of Premier Cassel Mathale, the Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality Cllr Falaza Mdaka, the Speaker of Vhembe District Council Cllr Suzan Sibiya, the Portfolio Councillor

for Technical Services at Vhembe District Municipality Cllr Florence Rumani, Thovhele Gole Mphaphuli, Thovhele Vho Ramovha of Mulembe Traditional Community and Mr Alson Matukane, Chief Director of the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs.



Deputy minister Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Speaker of Vhembe District, Cllr Susan Sibiya, Thovhele Vho Mphaphuli M.P. at the boat launching ceremony

The gathering was informed that for now there are two boats for the whole of Limpopo Province to be shared amongst 72 dams.

Nandoni Dam is one of the largest dams in South Africa, full to its capacity. The dam has the potential for sport and recreation. It attracts many tourists from far and near for different purposes such as fishing, boating, and year end parties.

In his welcoming speech Thovhele Vho Ramovha said that “many people died in this dam while fishing. Most don’t even know how to swim. Sometimes they even fish at night. It is high time that we stop these fatalities by monitoring the dam”.

According to MEC Saach Catchalia funds have been set aside to maintain water resources. Communities should take the responsibility for the use and preservation of water. Nandoni dam has the potential for sport and pleasure. The launching of the boat is to manage quality, quantity and liability to water. The project should be extended to the other dams in the Province.

The Deputy Minister of Water

and Environmental Affairs Mrs Rejoice Mabudafhasi gave a key note address. In her address she said “as we approach the end of our National Water Week, I am very much thankful to find myself with the water sector stakeholders of Limpopo launching our tool that will assist you in the continuous monitoring of dams. It is for this reason that we have spared this week to share information and educate each other about the responsibility that we all have as individuals to safe water. We need to police each other in a manner that we should all have rights to say no to abuse of our water infrastructure, water resources and any illegal activities that can endanger our water quality”

The Deputy Minister reminded the audience that South Africa is a water scarce country and as such we all have to be vigilant in what we do with our water and what impact it will have on other users and in the near future.

Whilst it is the mandate of her department to monitor dam’s compliance and enforcement they will continuously need the support of Traditional Leaders, municipal and, provincial leadership to make

sure that the dam resources are safe and secured. Furthermore, the collaboration with other sector departments including the South African Police Services will help prevent the drowning accidents and the polluting of dams that occur due to illegal activities.

The Deputy Minister also spoke of the economic value of dams when she said that the department’s 2010/11 to 2012/13 strategic plan has prioritized the contribution of dams to economic growth and social development. As can be observed, the Nandoni Dam has created economic growth and social development in many ways for the local economy. The department’s goal is to develop water services to the citizen of South Africa and also eradicate poverty within households.

In conclusion the Deputy Minister said “I feel very strongly that our department, local government, education, health, human settlement, agriculture, community and traditional leaders and all water services stakeholders will continue to engage one another in dealing with issues of water service improvement because : **TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT**”



The new dam monitoring boat in action at the Nandoni dam

MAYORAL IMBIZO HELD AT SANARI IN THE MUTALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



Alex Nemaconde General Manager of Community Service, Chief Whip of Mutale Local Municipality Mr. Madumi Samson, Musanda Zwoiteya Makuya and the Executive Mayor Dr. Mdaka at the Sanari Imbizo.

The Vhembe District Municipality led by the Executive Mayor Cllr Dr Falaza Mdaka held a Mayoral Imbizo at Tshikondeni Primary School Soccer Field in the Sanari Village of Mutale Local Municipality on the 11 March this year.

The government Imbizo program was initiated as a formal campaign in 1999 in order to take the government programmes to the people. The initiative enables authorities in all spheres of government to evaluate and monitor performance pertaining to service delivery and the impact that government programs are having on the lives of the people.

Service delivery issues including

amongst others electricity, roads, housing, health, water and sanitation were raised.

Nedambale Jane of Domboni la Dambale submitted that Sanari village is a remote area. It is without electricity, with no network for television and cellular phones and as a result therefore it will be difficult for the residents of Sanari to watch the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup in their own country. Sanari, Nedambale continued, need RDP houses, transport for school children, toilets and water.

The Regional Manager of Home Affairs Mr. Zamba Maluleke informed the community of Sanari that parents could register their

children at birth at the Department of Home Affairs so that they could obtain birth certificates without delay.

Mr. Maluleke went on to inform the audience that those who will require birth certificates or identity documents while old will be subjected to an intensive interview. South Africans who fraudulently assist foreigners to register in order to get South African Identity Documents should know that they are creating a challenge to our country. Furthermore, said the Regional Manager “those with identity documents with wrong spellings should visit any Home Affairs offices for assistance”.

In his response the Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality Dr Falaza Mdaka took note of the challenges of service delivery that require the attention of the National and Provincial Governments. He promised that these challenges will be passed on to the relevant departments.

In as far as those challenges that fall within the mandate of local government the Executive Mayor had this to say “Most of the challenges will have to be prioritized through the Integrated Development Plan so that they can be budgeted for and implemented. We need to work

together in order to achieve our objectives. Follow-up will be made on all the challenges. We thank all of you for raising issues that affect you as communities. Together we can do more”.

MEC MAGADZE LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUMS

The MEC for Safety and Security the Honorable Dikeledi Magadze launched Community Safety Forums in Vhembe on the 29 March 2010 at the Thohoyandou Town Hall.

According to Nchabeleng Tsebe, the General Manager of Safety and Security, Community Safety Forums are not the same as Community Police in terms of their location and roles. Community Safety Forums will be located in municipalities. Their roles will be to develop, implement and monitor crime fighting strategies within their local areas while Community Policing Forums work hand in hand with the police to fight crime. Vhembe and Mopani Districts, he continued, are the first to launch Community Safety Forums. The two Forums will serve as pilot projects.

MEC Magadze expressed a view that crime should be dealt with in an integrated manner. Therefore, there is a need that the Justice System, Safety and Security, Correctional Services and other stakeholders work together to fight this demon; which is engulfing our communities.

The Department of Safety and Security, says MEC Magadze, is working with Universities to shape up strategies to fight crime. Projects

which may be identified in order to supplement the fight against crime should find their way into the Integrated Development Plans of municipalities.

The MEC for Safety and Security, The Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality Cllr Falaza Mdaka and Mayors; Khosi Cllr Makumbane, Cllr Mavhungu Luruli, Cllr Caroline Mahasela and Cllr Lucas Manyuwa of Thulamela, Makhado, Musina and Mutale Local Municipalities respectively signed a pledge to fight crime.

The pledge reads as follows:

- To support community safety forums in the district and local municipalities.
- To promote and implement safety and security initiatives in our local municipalities.
- To collaborate with government departments and other stake holders in the fight against crime, and
- To ensure the integration of community safety plans into the integrated development plans.



MEC Magadze signing the pledge while Executive Mayor Dr. Mdaka, Cllr Matlou Matume from Mopani District and Ms. Tsebe General Manager Of Safety and Security look on.

From The Pen of the Municipal Manager

The District Turnaround - What are the key aspects that will form part of the Integrated Development Planning towards 2014?



*Mr. Muthotho Sigidi Municipal Manager
Vhembe District Municipality*

At National level we have seen the President Launching the National Planning Commission on the 11 May 2010. The Department of Cooperative government has launched the Turnaround strategy in November 2009. In Limpopo all the municipalities have finalized the municipal turnaround strategies which will form part of the IDPs of the municipalities once adopted by respective Councils.

What will be different? When this kind of question is asked we are found wanting in terms of responding- the reason being that we have not understood the linkages of the manifestos that are to be effected into operational plans that should devolve from the National sphere to the Local sphere. Ministers have started to enter into performance agreements with the President on critical issues that are part of the SONA.

When the Municipality finalized its IDP and SDBIP for the 2010-2011, the snippets of the turnaround strategies must also find expression in the performance agreements of the Municipal Manager and all the S57 Managers that way there will be synergy on the National and the Local plan.

Coming closer to home

It is a great pleasure for me to introduce the service delivery progress report for Vhembe District Municipality in the past three quarters. It is now safe to say that changes that we brought into the organization both in terms of organizational re-engineering for smooth service delivery and operations are starting to bear fruits. It was the third quarter which saw implementation of the transformation agenda of our municipality reaching its maturity stage. We have previously reported in this column that we were amongst the municipalities which were faced with the devolution of the largest service from the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry.

The transfer made us inherit the water infrastructure and the largest personnel totaling not less than 1000. We however have reached the final stage of wrapping up the devolution of the water services function.

As you are all aware that our transformation agenda is encompassed in the Five Year Local Government Strategic Agenda. We therefore give a report on what we have achieved on those key areas and also give a perspective of the challenges that were encountered in the implementation of our plan.

The support needed for us to accomplish our goals was received from our governance structures such as Council and its committees, the Mayoral Committee, the Portfolio Committees, the Oversight Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Internal Audit Unit.

Municipal Transformation and organizational Development

It is pleasing to report that we have been able to craft a draft organogram by the end of the third quarter. This has been done after thorough consultation with all Departments within the Municipality. A staff placement committee was established and will start doing its job of placing the staff accordingly to the organogram as soon as it is approved by council by the end of May this year.

The filling of critical budgeted vacant positions is continuing and the Municipality is progressing quite well in ensuring that the right people for the job are employed. A total of seven positions have been filled by the end of the third quarter and the next quarter will see more people being appointed into the critical and budgeted posts.

The IDP Steering Committee meetings as well as four IDP and Budget Consultative meetings as targeted during the third quarter have been held. The draft IDP and budget is ready and awaiting council approval by the end of May 2010.

Monitoring and evaluation of projects within the District has improved a great deal. A total of 13 projects were randomly visited by a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer during the third quarter. These visits were independent from the day to day visits conducted by project managers. The visits assist the Municipality to determine the status of the current projects and to verify what is regularly being reported by project managers. We are also able to identify gaps and challenges and come-up with interventions.

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A KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Cllr Dr F.P. MDAKA AT THE VHEMBE GRADE 12 EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY

This event is taking place at a time when our country is celebrating Human Rights Day. This is an indication that education is indeed one of our basic needs and one of our human rights.

We are gathered here tonight to celebrate those who excelled in the noble field of education in the Matric class of 2009.

Really this is a historic event for which Vhembe will be remembered by the whole province and the country at large. Vhembe has made a mark: No 1 in 2008 and no 2 in 2009 in the province, especially during the first hectic transitional stage/new era of the National Curriculum Statement.

We are therefore proud of the achievements of those unsung heroes and heroines in the trenches of the education sector.

Our conviction is that good schools are not only those that produce good results, but also those that create a conducive environment that make all students feel safe and welcomed.

We all have a responsibility to prepare our learners to live in a non-racial, non-sexist, united and democratic society and to be role models as South African citizenry in which we will be proud of.

Gathered here tonight, we are also celebrating our joint efforts for teaching our children that they are first and foremost South Africans.

We are here to tell them that South Africa belongs to all those who live in it.

We are glad that the Department of Education has heeded to this call. As you are well aware, the development of our country's human resources is a key government strategy for the creation of socio economic growth, particularly through educating young people. Many schools, like the recipients tonight, are developing into centers of excellence.

A key challenge we face is the massive information, communication and technological revolution engulfing the world. Therefore, we urgently need to offer our young citizens the necessary skills to navigate these technologies. As a district, we have set aside a Mayor's Annual Program of handing over computers to the

schools that cannot afford them.

Furthermore, as local government we will also continue to give support to our schools with every available resource at our disposal. We will assist students, particularly students from poor family backgrounds with good performances that match the required current relevant scientific fields of studies through the Mayoral Annual Bursary Fund Program, to further their studies at tertiary institutions.

Programme Director, Ceremonies of this nature are truly symbolic and are needed on an annual basis in order to recognize and celebrate exceptional achievements.

We therefore wish to congratulate all those educators and parents who often go beyond the call of duty to



From left are Executive Mayor Dr. Mdaka, Johana Mbi receiving the trophy and a cheque won by Naomi Mbi, Cllr Florence Rumani, Dr Rambiyani at the Ceremony.

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help our beloved innocent children to realize their dreams. We celebrate the fact that seven schools have managed to be in Club 100 schools and five schools obtained 100% pass during the 2009 academic year.

We call upon all patriots to join hands in partnership to serve our schools, and to keep the doors of the culture of teaching and learning wide open for all our people. It is only education that can assist us to:

eradicate poverty, reduce the high rate of unemployment, improve the well-being of our nation and compete with other countries at a global level.

LUTANANDWA BRIDGE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

The MEC for Roads and Transport in Limpopo, the Honourable Pinky Kekana officially handed over the construction of the Lutanandwa Bridge Project to the contractor. The ceremony took place at Luvuvhu on the 21 April this year.

This comes after the Lutanandwa Bridge that strategically links Louis Trichardt and Thohoyandou collapsed on November 20, 2008 and caused huge inconveniences to motorists. Since then motorists had to use a Luvuvhu detour road which added 12 kms to their travel. The detour road too suffered immediate damages due to heavy traffic it had to carry constantly day and night. Furthermore, many people were injured when the bridge collapsed and some businesses had to shut down.

According to the MEC the reconstruction of the Lutanandwa bridge will once again contribute to the economic activities in the Vhembe District by relinking the villages and towns and by reducing travel distances among business communities. The contract, the MEC continued, makes provision for the employment of local labour. R1,8 million has been budgeted for labour utilization in this regard. Furthermore, the local SMMEs stand to benefit from the R3,6 million that will come their way through subcontracting.



Motorists traveling from Thohoyandou to Louis Trichardt had to use the detour road along the Luvuvhu farms as a result of the collapsed bridge. The road through the Luvuvhu farms that is being used as a detour is also going to be fixed according to MEC Kekana.

The MEC announced that the Luvuvhu detour road will be fixed as well as the damaged Nzhelele Sibasa Bridge at Fondwe. Finally, the Department of Roads and Transport promised to service all old bridges in the Vhembe District such as the Dzindi Bridge in the Thohoyandou Local Municipality which is suspected of having the same problems.

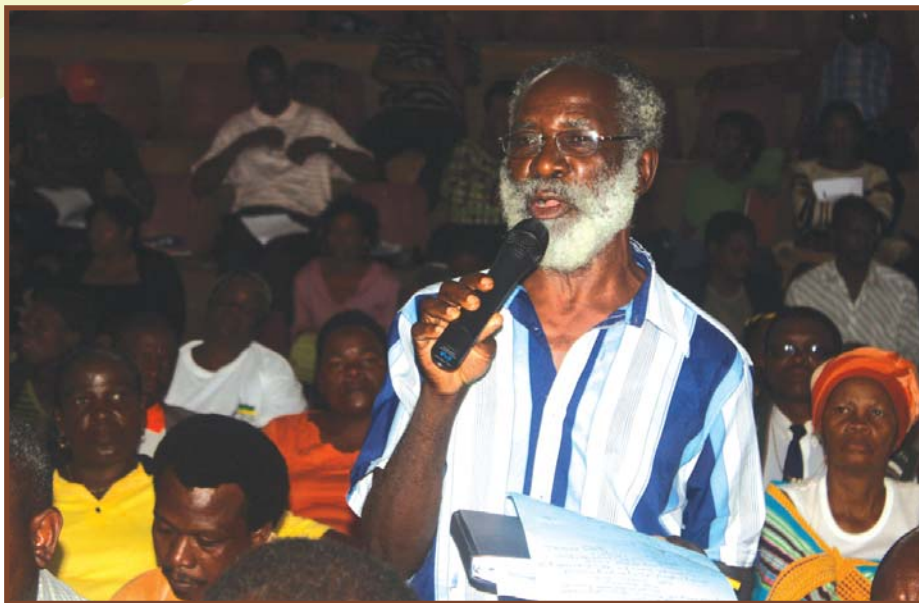
The Mayor of Makhado Local Municipality Cllr Mavhungu Luruli thanked motorists for their patience and cooperation during these hectic times.

On his part Mr. Paul Olivier, an engineer from the appointed SSI Consulting Engineers said that the reconstruction of the Lutanandwa Bridge might take eight months to complete.



MEC for roads and transport in Limpopo the honourable Pinky Kekana. With her are Cllr Joe "Slovo" Rikhotso on the left, on the right are the chairperson of road agency Limpopo Mr Sello Rasethaba, Mr Rapson Rambuwani and the Mayor of Makhado Municipality Cllr Mavhungu Luruli at the handing over ceremony of the Lutanandwa bridge

IDP PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS HELD



Mr. N.J. Thovhogi making an input during the IDP consultative forum meeting.

The Municipal Systems' Act 32 of 2000 requires municipalities to review their IDPs every financial year in order to align their budgets to their IDPs. Consequently, Vhembe District Municipality held its first draft IDP representative forum meeting on 5 March this year at the Thohoyandou Indoor Sport Centre.

This act follows the district municipality's approval of the IDP frame work and the process plan that has already been reported on previously in this News Letter.

The purpose of the meeting was to present to ward committees, civic associations, councillors, sector departments, traditional leaders, business organisations, church leaders, traditional healers, community development workers,

community based and non-governmental organizations and other organized structures in the Vhembe District the 2010/11 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Review 1st drafts and to solicit their inputs .

Furthermore, "The purpose of the public participation is to share priorities identified since 2006 because IDP is a five year programme. Our priorities should include amongst others; water, electricity, houses, roads, sports activities and many other issues related to projects and how they should be budgeted for" said Cllr Rumani, the portfolio councilor for Technical Services in the Vhembe District Municipality.

The meeting of 5 March was

followed by consultative forum meetings in all local municipalities as per table below.

In Mutale Mr. Mawala Khaladzeni from Sanari Village in Mutale Local Municipality proposed that more funds should be set aside for roads infrastructure because according to him rural development can be achieved through accessibility to other areas.

On the other hand Mr. Johannes Nkawane of Skoon Plaas in the Musina Local Municipality highlighted the challenges related to the closure of the testing station, lack of road maintenance and absence of assistance to and empowerment of SMMMEs. Issues of roads maintenance and tarring were sharply raised in Thulamela and Makhado Local Municipalities.

On his part Cllr Dr Mdaka, the Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality said "we are here to plan together, through working together we can do more to service our communities. People have started to popularize themselves through unnecessary strikes in various communities simply to position themselves for the upcoming 2011 Local Government Elections. Projects monitoring involves all of us, we need strong men and women who are also proactive in order to achieve our goals"

Mutale	6 April 2010	Mutale Community Hall	10h00
Musina	6 April 2010	Musina Municipality Nancefield Hall	19h00
Makhado	7 April 2010	Louis Trichardt Show Ground	10h00
Thulamela	8 April 2010	Thohoyandou Indoor Sports Centre	10h00

WATER CRISIS IN MUKULA TO BE ADDRESSED



Vhembe District Municipality speaker Cllr Susan Sibiya, Chief Whip of Thulamela Municipality Mr. Mamma M, Musanda Vho Takalani L. of Mukula Village, Saach Catchalia MEC for Treasury, Deputy Minister Rejoyce Mabudafhasi.

The Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs Mrs Rejoyce Mabudafhasi visited the community of Mukula on the 18 March this year as part of the National Water Week celebration.

The water shortage in the Mukula area was as a result of the Damani Regional Water Scheme's failure to operate at its full capacity due to mechanical and electrical faults. The design capacity of the water treatment plant is 4ML/day and currently it is operating at 2ML/day. Therefore, the scheme is unable to supply sufficient water to Mukula and the surrounding villages.

The Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs the Honourable Mrs Rejoyce Mabudafhasi supported the Vhembe District Municipality's programme of strengthening the Damani regional water scheme with R2 million in order to help solve the Mukula water crisis.

Accordingly, on the 18 March this year the Deputy Minister handed over a donation of R2million to the Mukula Community to help them achieve their goal. The ceremony took place at the Mukula Traditional Office as part of the National Water Week celebration under the theme: Working Together We Can Save More Water.

According to the Deputy Minister "most of our infrastructure were meant for smaller populations. We should refurbish our infrastructure to cater for larger populations because our villages are increasing. Everybody should therefore be responsible and be ready to protect our water infrastructure because a lot of water is lost through vandalism and leakages".

Since our President Mr. Jacob Zuma has called that 2010 must be the year of action, the year of delivery we

must therefore all honour the clarion call, continued Mrs Mabudafhasi.

Climate change is affecting our weather. People are chopping down trees, destroying our fountains. Industries should recycle water and re-use it because water resource is very scarce in South Africa, she advised .

"The R2million will be able to erect a reservoir so that our people are able to get clean water. We recently received complaints of sicknesses such as typhoid, cholera and diarrhoea. Let us work together to improve the lives of our communities. Traditional Leaders have demonstrated their readiness to work with our government to fight against the bondages of poverty. We should therefore support them in many ways such as these," concluded the Deputy Minister.

ITSANI VILLAGE PIGGERY PROJECT A SUCCESS

Ten years ago Shayandima Factory Units terminated work for their employees. Amongst those that lost their livelihoods were nine women of Itsani Village.

These women decided that they would not sit down and count stars but would rather stand up and do something about their situation. Indeed, in 2001 they started a Piggery Project in the back yard of Mr. Rapson Muthambi who was also their mentor in the project.

When they started they were nine women. They each contributed R50 to buy piglets in order to raise funds. Their opportunity came when they attended a meeting called by the Department of Agriculture at the Thohoyandou Town Hall. They were encouraged to start their own project. From that moment they never looked back.

The group approached Khosi Vho Makumbane, the current mayor of Thulamela Municipality, for land. They were given two hectares. They successfully applied to be registered in the Vhembe District Municipality data base. Their project was also included in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) under projects that needed funding.

To their delight, Vhembe District Municipality allocated R3million to the project. The funds were used to build four sheds, offices, storeroom, a garage, a fence, install electricity, drill three bore holes, open an access road to the project premises and to construct bathrooms with toilets.

According to Ms Nkhangweleni Makhavhu the Department of

Agriculture at Vhembe offered the project ten pigs namely the Durock and Large White breeds as a start up.

The elated Sarah Nengovhela acknowledged that their efforts have been rewarded. They were trained at Madzivhandila Agricultural College for four weeks. The project is progressing well and they can sell 80 pigs per quarter. Their only challenge is that they do not have a vehicle to carry the stock to the market.

“Pig farming is very complicated” says Ms Khangweleni Makhavhu,

head of Agricultural sector at Vhembe District “because pigs are vulnerable to diseases, ticks and other sicknesses. They need a clean environment to prevent such infections. They must also be given special food so that they can be of good quality and able to attract a competitive market price. Furthermore, they must be graded and tested by the meat health inspectors before they are taken to an abattoir. Agricultural Extension Officers always assist in monitoring the health of the stock, vaccinate them when necessary and ensure that they receive quality food”.



Netshiozwi Elina, Nengovhela Sarah, Rabilwana Elisa with their pigs.

QUALITY IN SERVICE

VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATED WORLD WETLAND DAY

Vhembe District Municipality celebrated World Wetland Day at the Bungeni Community Hall on the 4 March this year under the theme: Wetland, Biodiversity and Climate Change. The Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality Cllr Falaza Mdaka was Guest Speaker for the day.

The World at large uses the month of February to celebrate this important phenomenon. The purpose of the celebration is to raise awareness of the significance of the wetland ecosystem.

It is important to take note of the fact that Vhembe District has been declared by UNESCO as a Biosphere which comprises two World renowned Transfrontier Conservation Initiatives namely: Mapungubwe World Heritage Site and first Kingdom in Southern Africa with a civilization dating back to 500 AD and Kruger National Park with the Makuleke wetland ecosystem.

A wetland is an area where the water table is at or near the land surface. Wetlands are able to improve water quality, reduce the impact of floods and soil erosion. Wetlands also sustain river flow thereby ensuring a steady supply of clean water for communities as well as providing habitat for different types of plants and animals.

Furthermore, wetlands provide resources such as fiber for making craft, grazing for live stock, fishing, hunting waterfowl. They are valuable for cultivation and aesthetics (natural beauty). Wetlands can serve as tourist attraction icons.

Various community stakeholders, Vhembe District Municipality, Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Sector Departments, SANBI, Local Municipalities, Traditional Leaders, Community Based structures and organized business attended the event.

In his key note address at the function the Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality Cllr Falaza Mdaka spoke at great length on the importance of wetlands all over the world. He informed the audience that South Africa has 12 wetland sites of international importance with two of those found in Limpopo being Nylsvlei Nature Reserve and the Makuleke flood plains.

According to the Executive Mayor most wetlands in Limpopo serve as a source of clean drinking water for communities. For this and other reasons, wetlands should be preserved and not over-exploited. After all, Mdaka continued, plants and soil play a major role in purifying

water from agricultural run-off nutrients and toxic substances such as pesticide residue, industrial effluent and seepage from mining activities.

The Executive Mayor expressed concern on human activities that threaten this natural phenomenon when he said draining and water abstraction from wetlands for cultivation and other purposes are major challenges that threaten the existence of wetlands in most rural areas of our Province.

Of equal concern says Mdaka is the erosion and sedimentation of wetlands due to human activities such as roads construction and residential development in most parts of the Province as well as the impact that alien plants and forestry plantation have on the quality of water in wetlands of Limpopo.

These human activities do not bode well for the sustainability of biodiversity in our biosphere and need to be strategically managed if we have to protect our UNESCO declared Biosphere Reserve status, submitted the Executive Mayor.



Executive Mayor Dr. Mdaka and Cllr David Mutavhatshindi the Portfolio Councillor for Technical Services in the Makhado Municipality on the right together with DEDET officials holding art work.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR VHEMBE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL



Seated in the middle is Cllr Lucy Mulaudzi and fifth from the left standing is the General Manager in the office of the Executive Mayor Razwiedani S.S with the incoming and outgoing Vhembe District Youth Council members.

Vhembe District Youth Council held its Bi-Annual Conference from the 26-28 March 2010 at The Landou Guest House in the Makhado Local Municipality.

The Vhembe District Youth Council was established to coordinate youth programs such as unemployment, HIV/AIDS, economic empowerment and the mainstreaming of youth activities in the governance processes.

The Portfolio Councillor for Finance Cllr Lucy Mulaudzi, Member of the Limpopo Legislature Hon. Lehlohonolo Masoga, Chairperson of The South African Youth Council in Limpopo Mr. David Makhafola, Youth Councils from local municipalities and many other dignitaries attended the conference.

In her keynote address Cllr Lucy Mulaudzi said that the youth have

a great responsibility as they are the future leaders of tomorrow. They are the ones to follow and monitor the governments' five key delivery priorities namely education, health, creation of decent jobs, rural development and land reform and the fight against crime and corruption.

“Education being one of the priorities should motivate the youth to focus more on studying and encouraging others to learn. Leaders who have passion in education are able to: lead by examples, differentiate between right and wrong, respect elderly people, listen and take advice from others”, she submitted.

In her concluding remarks Cllr Mulaudzi warned the youth on the growing tendencies of ill discipline, focusing much more on the buying and consumption of expensive alcohol, holding meetings in beer

halls and imposing unilateral decisions on others.

On his part Mr. Lehlogonolo Masoga MPL emphasized the respect of democratic principles to the newly elected leadership. He urged them to develop a program of action focusing on the challenges faced by the youth in the Vhembe District.

“Our youth are facing many challenges such as: acute unemployment, unprecedented teenage pregnancies, high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, high number of school/university drop outs and many other serious hardships. Education should be their daily bread, our country has a challenge of skills shortage and we cannot keep on relying on hiring people from abroad to come and do certain jobs while our youth remain unemployed. Fortunately, Vhembe District Municipality has a Mayoral Bursary Fund which caters for youth from disadvantaged family backgrounds” concluded MPL Masoga.

The term of office of the Youth Council is two years. The term for the outgoing Youth Council expired in June 2009. The Conference elected the new leadership as follows:

Chairperson: Ndou David
Deputy Chairperson: Mathavha Humbulani
Secretary: Tshisikule Mashudu
Deputy Secretary: Nephawe Gloria
Treasurer: Simango Peggy
Additional Members are:
Mafela Fistos
Mabasa Moses
Tshivhenga Khathu

The conference took several resolutions for implementation during its two years in office some

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of which are the following:

- Vhembe District Municipality and the four local municipalities should allocate offices to deal with youth matters
- Vhembe District Municipality and the four local municipalities should appoint permanent youth officers who will be responsible for youth matters. Such appointment should take effect from 1 July 2010
- Vhembe District Municipality's mayoral committee and the four local municipalities' executive committees should have a youth representative in their composition
- In order to build a strong organization for all activities in and by the district and local municipalities the youth must be informed and/or take part in matters that affect them. Nothing for them without them.

- All local youth councils in the four local municipalities must be re-launched within two months
- There must be an effective, efficient and economic communication between mayors, councillors, administration and communities.
- Vhembe District Youth Council should sustain the good working relationship with the District Municipality and the Executive Mayor
- Vhembe District Council be

engaged when awarding bursaries to young people

The conference also mandated the leadership to engage all local businesses to contribute resources in cash or in kind for the Council and its work. The new leadership was further mandated to open a bank account as well as playing a major role in voter education in order to bring many young people to the 2011 local government election polls.



Lehlogonolo Masoga member of Limpopo Legislature, Tebogo Mamorobe, Dogen Ndove and David Makhafola at the inauguration of the new District Council

VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATE 2010 NATIONAL WATER WEEK



Cllr Florence Rumani in front and Cllr Muvhumbé on her left dance to the music of Colbert Mukwevho during the Water Week celebration.

Vhembe District Municipality celebrated the 2010 National Water Week at the Raliphaswa Sports Ground in the Makhado Local Municipality on the 19 March this year, under the theme "Working Together We can Save More Water"

According to Mr. Phineas Ramovha, the purpose of celebrating water week was to; highlight the challenges that our country is facing regarding water shortage, measures that can be undertaken to save water and the sicknesses that can be caused by water borne diseases.

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Cllr Florence Rumani, the portfolio councillor for Technical Services at the Vhembe District Municipality, who was the Guest Speaker of the day, expressed concern about water usage and maintenance of water infrastructure when she said. "boreholes are drying up due to lack of enough rainfall. All of us should guard against vandalism and the stealing of electrical cables, stealing of water pumping machines and illegal connections by community members. Mutshedzi Regional Water Scheme should be upgraded because it is very small".

Cllr Rumani provided the audience with tips on how to use water safely

when she said that:

- We should make sure that the water is safe;
- If we do not have water supply we should learn how to treat and to store water safely;
- We should never wash our babies' nappies into rivers, streams or other water sources;
- We should never use areas near water sources as toilets;
- After using a toilet we must wash our hands properly,

- Food should be kept in safe and clean places;
- We should always rinse and cook food in clean water and
- Food should be stored in closed containers and in cool places.

In conclusion Cllr Rumani advised that there are water borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, malaria and diarrhea which are harmful to our lives and when people observe symptoms related to such diseases they should consult health facilities in their areas without delay.

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Basic Service delivery and Infrastructure Development

The biggest challenge facing the district is the supply of clean water to communities. The natural disaster in a form of draught has also made the Middle Letaba Dam dry out. A number of strategies have been put in place to ensure that we live up to the challenge. The supply of water through tankering is one of the contingency measures in place while long term solutions are being sought. New boreholes are also being drilled.

The Municipality set an annual target of 500 MGL to be supplied to rural areas to supplement boreholes. The Municipality has, by the end of the third quarter, supplied 390MGL of water through tankering programs within the district. The construction of Nandoni-Mavambe to Malamulele west water pipe line is 99% towards completion and should be ready to serve the communities by end of the financial year.

The municipality is currently running 106 water supply projects for 2009/10 financial year. It is further more pleasing to report that **43** of these projects are fully completed and **73 972 households** benefited from these projects.

The district is also making some strides in addressing the backlog on sanitation. Sanitation projects under Thulamela Local Municipality are ahead of the schedule. The District Municipality aimed to be at 30% construction by end of the third quarter; however we are already at 35% construction. This has been achieved due to proper consultation and planning between the two Municipalities.

Local Economic Development

Local Economic Development is one of the strategies that have been put in place to fight poverty and reduce unemployment within the District. The Municipality is currently engaged in seven LED projects.

By the end of the third quarter **Awelani Eco-Tourism Phase 1 & 2** and **Tshififi Concrete Manufacturing** were fully completed and **89 households** benefited from these projects.

We are also well ahead of schedule in the construction of Malamulele Fire Station, we planned to be at 20% construction by the end of the third quarter, however we are at 42%. The **Maungani Access Roads: Phase 1** is fully completed and is on retention. Development of **Side Walk paving (JJ Motors-**

Sibasa) is fully completed and so is the Development of **Masisi Taxi Rank**.

The Municipality is also making efforts to train and coordinate funding for home based care centers within the District. During the third quarter **115 Non Governmental Organisations** under health were funded. The Department of Health and Social Development was also roped in to fund 70 NGOs in partnership with the municipality.

The cherry on top is the partnership that we have entered with India's Rajkot District and the Gondal municipalities to share experiences especially on the Fresh Produce Market.

Municipal Financial Viability

It is always critical to monitor and keep track of our spending pattern during the financial year. In terms of our overall expenditure by the end of the third quarter, the Municipality was at 44%. The spending pattern will rise drastically during the next quarter since a total of 14 projects are towards completion.

It is worth reporting that we have opted for early conversion from the IMFO to GRAP Accounting Standards. The 2009/10 budget was

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prepared in accordance with new budget reform requirements. We have failed to get a clean audit in the last financial year and have since drawn a plan that was approved by the Audit Committee and the Council.

We however noted that asset management was one of the main issues that gave us challenges to achieve an unqualified opinion. We therefore have designated extra effort and specialist personnel to deal with asset management and also establish a Task Team to deal with all Auditor General's findings in his previous report.

Good governance and Public participation

The administrative wing of the institution carries the responsibility of creating a conducive platform for political leaders to interact and get informed about service delivery issues.

We have during this quarter managed to conduct the IGR Mayors Forum which was well attended by all Mayors from the Local Municipalities within the District. These meetings are very crucial in the sense that they help the Municipality to get political interventions and assistance

where required. Council and its committees are fully functional and are receiving full support from the administration.

Imbizos have been conducted in the areas of Mutale and Thulamela and the Executive Mayor continues to listen to the issues that communities are raising and respond to issues raised.

CONCLUSION

We are heartened by the fact that the Vhembe communities are able to see that there is a positive movement towards the realization of our objective of creating a better life for all our residents.

THE 2010 SMME SUMMIT IS OFFICIALLY OPENED



Standing from left to right are Sakkie Mushapho Senior Manager of Youth Development Agency, Rapson Rambuwani, Mudau Nathaniel, General Manager of Development Planning Masala Makumule, Cllr Muedi, Conny Chauke, Happy Hlungwane, and seated from left are Cllr Nemarandzhe and Henry Chauke.

Councillor Philip Phaswana, the Portfolio Councillor for Development Planning and LED in the Vhembe District Municipality officially opened the 2010 economic empowerment to small entrepreneur's summit on the 24 March this year. The summit was held at the Tshipise Forever Resort in the Musina Local Municipality.

More than 200 delegates especially young entrepreneurs in the district attended the summit which lasted for two days under the theme: **Entrepreneurship, a Catalyst to Local Economic Development.** The summit commenced with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Vhembe District Municipality and the SABC

Limpopo Region. The two will be working together to support the creation of job opportunities.

The event, which was made possible through the partnership of SEDA, LIBSA, the local municipalities and the SABC focused on: assessing progress on the implementation of resolutions taken during the previous summits, business marketing, access to finance, project management and other related business matters.

Furthermore, the summit was aimed at empowering and capacitating emerging entrepreneurs and affording young entrepreneurs in sharing challenges, experiences and opportunities.

In his official opening address Councillor Philip Phaswana of Vhembe District Municipality urged that the summit should not be seen as an isolated event, but rather as a major step towards a process that should in time culminate in a People's Contract for economic growth and development.

Cllr Phaswana expressed hope that a summit of this nature was being established to strengthen a foundation that has been laid to reach a common goal of a creative and sustainable enterprising economy and a dynamic community.

The SMME events of this nature submitted Cllr Phaswana are expected to reduce pressure on local

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government that deals with a huge backlog of services created by the past history, while at the same time ensuring that the services rendered are sustainable and improve the quality of people's lives,

Across the country, municipalities are struggling with massive underdevelopment and face high expectations of their people, hence they fail, due to lack of resources. It is for this reason that the district municipality decided on the establishment of summits of this nature to bring together all partners that will address urgent challenges in a systematic and holistic manner acknowledged, Cllr Phaswana.

In conclusion he wished the summit the ability to produce honest reflections of challenges with the

view to building real partnerships for development.

Inspired by the official opening address the summit went into fruitful business for the next two days and came up with amongst other things the following resolutions:

- There is a need for Agencies and government departments at all levels to coordinate government programmes to avoid duplications,
- There is also a need for SMMEs to work together for business development and networking,
- Recommendations from the Land Commission should be sent to the Land Development Summit,
- Accredited Service Providers such as SA Host Company

should be used to train SMMEs on Customer care.

- SMMEs should be trained on HIV/AIDS.
- Information on HIV/AIDS should be provided during Business events and on business premises.
- Workshops on Cooperatives should be conducted for practitioners and councillors.
- SMME strategy should be implemented as soon as possible
- Vhembe District Municipality, Government and Development Agencies need to conduct conferences on Cooperatives.
- Cooperation amongst Cooperatives should be encouraged.

VHEMBE LAUNCHED FOOTBALL FRIDAY CAMPAIGN

Limpopo Province established a 2010 FIFA World Cup African Village at the Capricorn High School in the host city of Polokwane.

The aim of establishing the village is to make sure that the 2010 FIFA World Cup taking place for the first time on African soil embraces the whole continent of Africa. The village will promote African culture to the rest of the world and will cater for people of all races.

Visitors will be exposed to the authentic African cuisine and songs from all over the African Continent. Artists from all corners of the continent will display their talents in this village. The village will be open round the clock.

All people of all the Districts in Limpopo are encouraged to buy tickets at First National Bank,



Cllr Jeanet Matumba (on the right) doing disky dance with a soccer fan at the Football Friday launch.

selected Shoprite/Checkers Stores and FIFA ticket offices at Market Street in Polokwane (Life Style Shopping Complex in Polokwane).

The public is informed that those who may not be able to go to Peter Mokaba stadium or any

other stadium where matches will be taking place could still go to Thohoyandou stadium where there will be public viewing facilities.

The games that are to be played at Peter Mokaba Stadium in the Limpopo Province are as follows:

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Saddam Maake a Bafana Bafana supporter in the center of a group of women wearing colourful minwenda

- Algeria vs. Slovenia
13 June at 13h30
- France vs. Mexico
17 June at 20h30
- Greece vs. Argentina
22 June at 20h30
- Paraguay vs. New Zealand
24 June at 16h30

The host city Polokwane boasts a Fan Park that will host more than 20 000 soccer fans. The Fan Park is located in the Polokwane Cricket Club.

Peter Mokaba stadium has a carrying capacity of 45 500 seats

The Provincial 2010 Communication Manager, Naledzani Rasila invites all the people of Vhembe to come and celebrate African humanity and be good hosts.

Meanwhile the 2010 Soccer World Cup Football Friday Campaign was launched by Cllr Takalani Samuel Mashau; Head of Sport, Arts and Culture at the Vhembe District Municipality and Cllr Jeannette Matumba; Head of Special Projects at Makhado Local Municipality on the 10 April this year at the Makhado Local Municipality's Louis Trichardt town .

Football Friday campaign was started by the Government and the 2010 World Cup Organising Committee in September 2009 with the aim of mobilising and generating excitement towards the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

The Campaign, which is gaining momentum day by day, is succeeding with every Friday bringing a display of South African's sport football jerseys, t-shirts, caps and flags. Those who have not yet joined are encouraged to get into the football spirit and show true colours as supporters of our National Team, Bafana Bafana.

The Head of Sport, Arts and Culture in the Vhembe District Municipality Cllr Takalani Mashau, the Head of Special Projects in the Makhado Local Municipality Cllr Jeannette Matumba and the 2010 Local Organising Committee shared information with the public regarding the benefits of 2010, legacy projects, ticket sales and the general progress on the 2010 soccer tournament.

The Local Organising Committee and soccer ambassadors moved in and around the town of Louis Trichardt in a truck with blaring sound distributing information leaflets and other merchandise.



Football lovers in a frenzy at the launch of Football Friday