

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF LIM345 MUNICIPALITY,
HER WORSHIP, CLLR BILA T.J, DURING THE DISTRICT IDP
REPRESENTATIVE FORUM WHICH WAS HELD ON THE 12TH OF APRIL
2017 AT MALAMULELE BOXING GYM.**

- **PROGRAMME DIRECTOR;**
- **THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY,
HER WORSHIP CLLR FLORENCE RADZILANI;**
- **THE POLITICAL MANAGEMENT TEAMS FROM VHEMBE
DISTRICT AND LIM345 MUNICIPALITIES RESPECTIVELY;**
- **MMCS AND EXCO MEMBERS FROM OUR MUNICIPALITIES
PRESENT HERE;**
- **FELLOW COUNCILLORS;**
- **THE HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF HOSI MAGONA;**
- **REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL
DEPARTMENTS;**
- **MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS LED BY THE ACTING MUNICIPAL
MANAGER, MR MANGWANA;**
- **REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANISED STRUCTURES IN LIM345;**
- **MEDIA HOUSES;**
- **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;**

Good morning!!

It is a great pleasure for me to be afforded this opportunity to welcome you to this historic and special District IDP Rep Forum, which is organized and hosted in Lim345 Municipality, for the first time since the establishment of this new municipality on the 17th of August 2016.

Programme Director;

It would be amiss if we did not pause to indicate that this IDP Rep Forum takes place during the time when all South Africans and people from most parts of the world – particularly those who belong to the Christian faith – are seeking divine interventions from God, as we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate this Easter Holiday, let us remember those amongst us, who are less privileged, the elderly and sick. Let us pray for peace and a better life. May we all be engulfed with the spirit of helping one another and sharing.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

This District IDP Rep Forum is also important as it takes place during the year of Oliver Reginald Tambo as declared by President Jacob Zuma during his State of Nation Address on the 9th of February 2017.

This revolutionary architect and a venerable struggle hero, passed-on on the 24th of April 1993, just two years before the ushering-in of democracy in 1994. I trust that he is in peace with other revolutionaries like Tata Mandela; Lilian Ngoyi; Hellen Joseph; Pixley ka Isaka Seme, Joe Langalibalele Dube and many more, because indeed, much of what they fought for has been realised.

Programme Director;

Today is a very important day which will determine how our district municipality is going to conduct its service delivery mandates in corporation with Lim345 Municipality. We are all aware that chapter 5 of the Municipal Systems Act requires a municipality to undertake a developmentally-oriented planning, to ensure that it serves for the achievement of the objects of local government as set out in section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, and gives effect of the developmental duties required by section 153 of the constitution.

Together with other organs of the state, the municipality is expected to contribute to the progressive realization of the fundamental rights that are contained in the constitution.

Programme Director;

We have sworn under oath when we were elected into office that we will work tirelessly with municipal officials and all stakeholders represented here today, to ensure that services are delivered to the people as we had promised during our election campaigns. Elections have come and gone, now is the time to act true to our promises, and deliver services to the people.

We therefore expect all members of this IDP Rep Forum not to represent their jackets, but to be the voices of the structures that they represent. We expect them to hold consultative and feedback meetings with their structures and constituencies they represent, in order to obtain their inputs. In other words, whatever members are communicating should be informed by mandates from their structures in pursuit for a better life for all.

As I welcome you **Ladies and Gentlemen**, let me appeal to all members of this IDP Rep Forum to adapt the words of our Political

Icon and the first president of a Democratic South Africa, Dr Nelson Mandela... during his first mass address after being released from prison. He said and I quote:

“I stand here as a servant of you, the people.” Closed quote!

I appeal to you all to be the servants of the people, and to represent them wholeheartedly and without fear and prejudice.

Indeed, when we work together we can make Lim345 and the entire District of Vhembe, a society to be reckoned with. You are all warmly welcomed to Lim345 Municipality, a municipality where the sun shines.

I thank you!