

**REMARKS BY MAYOR GERSON MOLAPISANE DURING THE
OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 18TH XITSONGA MUSIC AWARDS ON
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023**

I want to take this opportunity to greet everyone here and those who are listening and watching from home as we officially launch the 18th Xitsonga Music Awards which again will be hosted by the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. The 17th Xitsonga Music Awards was a great success, and we hope to build on that success this year. Let me also take this opportunity to thank the SABC for considering us as partners and host for these awards for three years. Our people are ready once more to welcome thousands of people from across the country and beyond who will be in our shores to enjoy the Xmas festivities. We really cherish this opportunity because it is a platform for emerging artists to get exposure. These awards turn a spotlight on our municipality in so many ways, from a tourism and economic perspective. We are looking forward to hosting you on the 18th of November 2023 for the 18th Xitsonga Music Award at Nkowankowa Stadium.