

***Welcome Address by Her Worship Mayor of Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Dikeledi Josephine Mmetle, at the Mopani District Lekgotla, Karibu Leisure Resort, 17 May 2012***

*MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs, Mr. Clifford Motsepe.*

*The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, His Excellency Joshua Matlou*

*Speaker of Mopani District Municipality, Violet Mathonsi*

*Speakers of all the local municipalities present*

*Members of the Mayoral Committee present*

*Members of the various EXCOs of all local municipalities present*

*Esteemed guests and delegates*

*Ladies and gentlemen*

*Good Morning to you all*

*We have converged here today to find more efficient and effective ways to address developmental challenges facing our people. Our residents still battle with bread and butter issues despite the many milestones in service delivery. We have put up thousands of kilometres of pipelines to deliver water, thousands of homes were built and electrified and we are still continuing to do so. We have build VIP toilets, road networks, and sewage systems and stands pipes to our communities. Our IDPs which are blueprints for both local and district municipalities must be strengthen and integrated with the plans of both National and Provincial departments as well as State Own Enterprises (SOEs)*

*Programme Director*

*Our municipality has retained its blue drop status for the third year running; we are also the current holders of the provincial greenest municipality award which is a clear indication of our dedication in ensuring that we delivery quality services. In striving for*

*excellence I urge all delegates and facilitators to ensure that they put their best efforts to ensure that we produce the best solutions to all the obstacles that hinder effective service delivery. You must brainstorm ideas which will leave a lasting legacy, improve the lives of our people at the most cost effective way. You must come up with ways in which we can improve the way we interact with our people as government. Government wants all municipalities to have clean audits by 2014, we must ensure that this goal is attained by engaging those who have managed to achieve that goal. We are here to learn from each other.*

*Programme Director*

*By these few words, I welcome you, ladies and gentlemen to the tropical paradise of Limpopo. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of municipality and its greenery.*

*I thank You*