

WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF STEVE TSHWETE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, CLLR MIKE MASINA DURING THE EDUCATION
WORKERS FORUM HELD ON THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY 2014

THANK YOU PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

It is a distinct honour and privilege to be afforded this opportunity to welcome you on behalf of the ANC Led Steve Tshwete Local Municipality under our progressive vision *“to be a leading community driven municipality in the provision of sustainable services and developmental programmes”*

Programme director this event finds us in a jovial as a Municipality which is part of these beautiful province of the rising sun, Mpumalanga Province,

We are in a jovial mood because of the excellent performance our children displayed in the 2013 Grade 12 results, which has shown consistent increase in the pass rate both in the Province and the Country.

As a Municipality we have contributed immensely to the Province's success, by becoming the best performed Municipality in the region Nkangala and 2nd best in the whole Province, slightly slipping from the precious performance we recorded in 2012 results, as we were number one in the whole Province.

These achievements should be celebrated more by SADTU and teachers in general, as it is the living testament of your hard work and commitment to develop and improve the education of the African child. Sun Tzu, one of the greatest Chinese revolutionary ones said, I quote *"opportunities multiply as they are seized"*.

This does not mean there are no challenges, it is a sign of victory amidst challenges as said by the famous old tale *"pressure makes the diamond harder than the rock"*

Programme director this event is taking place at a crucial time just on the eve of the 2014 National elections the only democratic elections we will face without our pillar of strength, our father, Nelson Rholihlahla "Dalibhunga" Mandela, who passed on in December 2013. May his soul rest in peace.

We face this elections amidst challenges in Cosatu, an important alliance partner of the ANC. As SADTU we must rise to the occasion

and educate the first time voters to be conscious of where we come from and where we are going as said by one of our best African President from Ghana, Comrade Kwame Nkruma. I am confident we will not disappoint, our role will be to unify Cosatu.

Programme Director

OR Tambo said the following about the tripartite Alliance, "*this is not a pen paper alliance but an alliance formed out of blood*"

Mine was just to welcome you to our shores, the winning municipality, Ikhaya Lensimbi, the consistent recipient of clean Audit report from the Auditor General, consistent winner of Blue Drop awards on the provision of clean & healthy drinkable water services, the home of beauty, talent, heroes and heroines.

I believe we all know that we have produced greats like Sydney "Star" Choma, Eric Jiyane and January Che Masilela amongst many.

Happy Jele of Orlando Priates, Charles Phasha of Zone 14 TV drama, Lungile Libambo Miss Mpumalanga 2012/13.

These are some of the stars we have brewed; I wish you successful and productive engagements in your education worker's forum.

Ngiyabonga!