

**WELCOMING NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THABO
MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, DR B.E. MZANGWA,
DURING THE VISIT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES TO
THE THABO MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT**

15 April 2013

The Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Honourable
M.J. Mahlangu

The Premier of the Free State Province, Honourable Ace Magashule

Members of the National Council of Provinces

Members of the Free State Legislature

MECs, Executive Mayors, Mayors, Speakers, Councillors, Traditional
Leaders

Distinguished guests

Officials

Ladies and gentlemen,

There is growing recognition among our residents that, despite minimal resources and challenges still facing local governments throughout the country, service delivery in our municipalities within Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality has improved significantly with tangible results and sense of urgency among politicians and officials alike.

All the efforts and strides taken by our municipalities, with the support of national and provincial government as well as other state agencies, to ensure that our communities emerge from the ashes of

poverty and doldrums of despair brings so much relief and hope to many families in the district of Thabo Mofutsanyana, who for years and years lived with no hope of any better future and life.

Delivering his State of the Nation Address in February this year, President Jacob Zuma mentioned that “No single force acting individually can achieve the objectives we have set for ourselves.” It is for this reason that we will always value the support from the other government departments and agencies, which are immensely involved in various developmental projects in our district. Most notably are the Premier Ace Magashule’s *Operation Hlasela* Programme, which has brought about a radical approach to service delivery, and the government’s rural development project in Diyatalawa and Makgolokoeng, which is an example of how seriously rural development should be taken.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, we will continue to value the oversight role played by the National Council of Provinces in ensuring that we deliver as per the electorate mandate. Through this august house’s admonishing and advices, we are able to unblock those bottlenecks that derail us from achieving our mandate of creating sustainable development.

As we look back to the time when the National Council of Provinces visited this district almost two years ago through Taking Parliament to People programme, we look so with much pride that the relations we were able to build with the parliamentary house has geared us to greater heights in making service delivery our key priority, but at the same time we do so with caution that we should not be so much

complacent that we will end up faltering in our pursuit for service excellence.

Honourable Chairperson in welcoming all of you in District of Thabo Mofutsanyana, let me state unequivocally that much still remain to be done as long as there people with no basic services, such as electricity, water, sewerage connections, roads, health and educational facilities, among others. This requires of us as politicians and officials to have an unwavering loyalty and commitment to our forever loyal electorates as Martin Luther King Junior said, “All labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

Thank you