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FIVE years of people's governance



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
STATE OF THE DISTRICT
ADDRESS



RENEWED COMMITMENT
TO EDUCATION AND HEALTH



TRADITIONAL LEADERS'
COOPERATION APPLAUDED



The last SODA: Speaker Cllr Caroline Mathebe (left), Executive Mayor Cllr Mogobo Magabe (centre) and Speaker of Limpopo Provincial Legislature Mme Polly Boshielo joining the serenading sounds during the SODA that concludes the 2011-2016 term.

Executive Mayor Magabe gave a celebratory twist to his last State of the District Address (SODA) held at Ga-Malekane village. He assured residents that, while climatic and economic conditions are unfavourable, they should work closely with government to turn the situation around.

According to observers at the event, a new era in Sekhukhune has been ushered where the District leadership, stakeholders and communities agree on renewing efforts to improve domestic conditions such as unemployment, tuberculosis and HIV-Aids.

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South Africa forward





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Lasting legacy

OF DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNMENT

For us as South Africans, the month of April signifies the memory of freedom following the historic 1994 democratic breakthrough where a strong nation emerged out of the claws of near-civil war conditions. A nation led by Nelson Mandela has risen from ashes of despair to the African jewel and the economic power house. However, this freedom was never free. It came at a price – some have paid the ultimate price with their lives. It is for this reason that State of the District Address delivered by Executive Mayor His Worship Cllr Mogobo David Magabe on 2 April 2016 paid tribute to the memory of the late Peter Nchabeleng. The Executive Mayor sort to emphasize the need to express collective

gratitude and tribute to the late Peter Nchabeleng who was brutally murdered under police custody after being arrested in front of his wife Getrude on 09 April 1986. His funeral was attended by 20 000 youth despite the repressive State of Emergency. The murder of this great leader of our people intensified resistance protests across the then Transvaal Province, punctuated by consumer boycotts that hit the white towns of Tzaneen, Phalaborwa, Pietersburg and Potgittersrus. Ntate Nchabeleng had a rich history of liberation struggle and he inspired the youth who later swelled the ranks of armed struggle, youth movements and the African National Congress up to its unbanning, and beyond.

This 4th Quarter Edition of Sekhukhune News will be focusing on the highlights of SODA and these will be reflected upon as they connect to the national and provincial sphere pronouncements by the political principals - the President and the Premier.

It's our duty and obligation to ensure that government speaks in one voice, and it amplifies the voices of communities in its structures and processes. The current term of office (2011 - 2016) has engineered and mastered this imperative by improving municipal responses to petitions and complaints from our communities. Local government is in your hands - remember to Vote on 3 August 2016.

Kgotsong!

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State of the District Address (SODA) is a speech presented to communities and stakeholders by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality.

This annual event reports on the obtaining condition of the District in all aspects – from developmental dialogues, integrated development plans, infrastructure, sanitation, SPLUMA, tributes, transparency, roads, revenue, information, investment, communications, community life, technology and the District's state of health and well being.

The speech also allows the Executive Mayor to weigh-in on these conditions and outline the District's strategic agenda in line with provincial and national priorities.

The address fulfils the role of the Executive Mayor to periodically shed information on the state of affairs in the District and recommend measures necessary and expedient.

The 2016 State of the District Address is as such reflective of the end of a five year term of the current leadership (2011 – 2016). This reflection is not limited to the typical strength – weakness – threat and opportunities kind of analysis but broadly the holistic body of work by the council's Executive and Legislative functions, and how the municipality in its entirety progressed in line with the universal imperatives

(Millennium Development Goals and Africa Union Agenda 2063), the State of the Nation Address pronouncements, the National Development Plan, the State of the Province Address pronouncements as well as the complimenting cardinal priorities. All of these were factored in the State of the District Address as a succinct picture of progress registered by the 2011 – 2016 term of council led by the Executive Mayor Cllr Mogobo David Magabe.



Executive Mayor Cllr Mogobo Magabe and Speaker Cllr Caroline Mathebe making their way into the Chamber ushered by Tolo Brass Band.

SODA HIGHLIGHTS



Executive Mayor Cllr Mogobo David Magabe presenting the State of the District Address at Ga-Malekane village.

On 05 December 2000, we swelled queues in our multitudes and voted for a democratic local government in South Africa.

Today, the local government system in South Africa celebrated its 15th anniversary milestone. We are in the phase of ensuring that the experience gained in 15 years of local government is used to advance people's power.

In the past five years, together with our communities and traditional leaders, we have amplified the voice of communities in structures and processes of government.

We have improved municipal responses to petitions and complaints from our communities, and gave a holistic meaning to the dictum that Local Government is in your hands.

The significance of the platform such as the State of the District Address is firstly to demonstrate in concrete terms that government is one, and it's administrative segmented into three spheres that cooperate for the realization of the aspirations of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

It also serves the purpose of ensuring that South Africans from all walks of life are connected to the country's vision through focused, customized and localized solutions.

It is for this reason that we received guests from the Provincial and National sphere of Government, to mention a few the Speaker o Limpopo Provincial Legislature Mme Polly Boshielo.

Public participation is the cornerstone of building and advancing the people's power in the local government. Working together with communities, we have established a strong, accountable, transparent and resilient system of local government.

Local communities are involved in all development initiatives, and are steering processes to fair, transparent and effective to address the obtaining challenges in the communities. However, the momentum of building the people's power require commitment by ward councilors hold feedback meetings with their communities.

There is an increasing need for communities' voices to be heard. Experience taught us that where poor communication among these stakeholders exists, situations degenerate into violence and destruction of the essential public assets and property. We are confident in Sekhukhune that we have succeeded, in most areas, to bring government closer to the people through Public Participation Programmes in all the local municipalities. Consultation with communities is legislatively rooted that there is no process that can be deemed complete or credible without observing this holy grail of engaging affected stakeholders and communities. Among these consultations are Mayoral Imbizo, IDP/Budget Consultation, stakeholder engagement, presentation of Draft Annual Reports and the Dipolelišano Dialogues which were activated in 2015.

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Since 18 May 2011 local government elections, much has been achieved and more still needs to be done to drastically improved the quality of lives of the previously marginalised and oppressed people of our country.

When we took over political administration after the 3rd democratic local government elections, we set ourselves Mayoral Strategic Priorities as adopted by the Executive arm of Council as benchmarks to assess our work. And these priorities are – intensifying provision of basic services, fostering social cohesion and nation building through active citizenry, creating jobs an fighting poverty, and providing sound financial management.

We have worked tirelessly in ensuring that these priority goals are met with the limited reach of our resources.

Indeed more households have access to basic services than they were five years ago. We can proudly say the quality of life in general has improved. We can attest to the fact that democracy is working for our people, and that their participation is valued.

Yes, we will be the first to admit that it has not been easy, we are still faced with massive developmental challenges especially in relation to basic services. We are a growing district and as we grow so is the demand for basic services.



2016 the year in context

Some of the most important historic milestones to be celebrated and commemorated in 2016 are:

*The 60th Anniversary of Women's March to Union Building in 1956;

*55 years of Umkhonto We Sizwe which was established by Nelson Mandela in 1961 as the Commander-in-Chief before his arrest that led to the famous Rivonia Trial;

*40th Anniversary of the 1976 Soweto Student Uprisings; 20 Years since the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa in May 1996;

*30th Anniversary of the brutal murder of Mampogwane Peter Nchabeleng 'the Lion of the North' in 1986. A special tribute to Ntate Peter Nchabeleng based on the extracts of the SODA speech is on Page 7.

The Executive Mayor also paid homage to Kgoshi Mampuru Mmpuru of Ga-Mampuru village, neighbouring the host venue of the SODA. Kgoshi Mampuru was instrumental in harbouring political activists aligned to African National Congress underground structures during the times of State of Emergency (at its pick in 1986), and equally gave refuge to the military operatives of Umkhonto We Sizwe at his home and at the royal caves.

And this year, 2016, working together with Kgoshi Makopole Mampuru, African National Congress and the royal family, will be unveiling the tombstone of Kgoshi Mampuru Mampuru in celebration of his selfless contribution to the struggle for freedom.

1: The famous poster of the late Northern Transvaal President of United Democratic Front - Ntate Peter Nchabeleng.

2: Memorial tombstone at the Umkhonto Wesizwe Cemetery in Mazimbu, Morogoro, Tanzania.

3: Hector Pieterse memorial in Soweto, South Africa.



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Anniversary of the brutal murder of a leader, combatant and a patriot



PRESIDENT mampogwane
PETER NCHABELENG
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MEMORY IS A WEAPON

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Executive Mayor's tribute to the late Peter Nchabeleng

Here in Sekhukhune, April 2016 marks the 30th Anniversary since the brutal murder of Mampogwane Peter Nchabeleng 'The Lion of the North'. His body was found in a State Mortuary in Groblersdal on 11 April 1986. He was arrested by the then Mankweng Riot Squad at his home in Apel, in front of his wife Getrude on the 09 April 1986 and subsequently murdered.

We express our sincere collective gratitude and tribute to the late Peter Nchabeleng, his family, his generation as well as the mighty 1986 "Sekhukhune Youth Congress" for the outstanding contribution towards the attainment of freedom and democracy in our land. The murder of this great leader sparked resistance protests across the province, punctuated by consumer boycotts that hit the then white towns of Tzaneen, Phalaborwa, Pietersburg and Potgietersrus.

Peter Nchabeleng had a rich history of struggle for liberation. He was one of the protagonist of the 1950s Sekhukhune Revolt, dubbed Sebatakgomo. In 1962, he was arrested and charged for advancing the pursuits of a banned organization and sabotage, and incarcerated in Robben Island for 8 years.

He was arrested again in 1977 for harbouring and recruiting activists for a liberation military training along with other twelve operatives.

On this charge he was acquitted, but his son Aleck Nchabeleng (pictured below receiving a national order in honour of the family's contribution to the struggle). In 1986, Peter Nchabeleng was elected the President of United Democratic Front of the Northern Transvaal. During this period he was with brave youth such as Frans Mohlala, Ephraim Mogale, Peter Mokaba, and together mobilised the youth under the banner of SA Youth Congress.



DROUGHT

a water disaster

Sehukhune District is adversely affected by the drought, the move by Minister Nomvula Mokonyane to handover, among other things, mobile water tankers was highly acknowledged in the State of the District Address.

However, the address noted with sadness that the drought will remain a factor in our lives for longer in addition to global economic uncertainties. It is scientifically proven that Sekhukhune District Municipality heavily rely on ground water or its sustenance, a source which is no reliable at all.

The visit by Minister Mokonyane on 02 April 2016 was also signaled by a donation of two mobile water packaged plant tucks for the District as a relieve measure. These trucks were allocated the community of Praktiseer, particularly its new settlement that is in need for water. This goes along with a further commitment by the minister to avail additional mobile packaged plants to be allocated to other local municipalities.

The general picture is that majority of residents of Sekhukhune do have access to clean portable water, and this means that the District has drastically reduced chances of exposure to diseases such as diarrhoea. Women are now emancipated from the bandages of traveling distances to risky areas in pursuit of water from sources like rivers and wells.

The message of conserving water has finally hit home for many of the residents when the mighty Flag Boshielo Dam ran at unprecedented low levels, where the larger part of the dam basin was so exposed that it looked like a scene from a desert. It is for this reason that the SODA also urged residents to conserve the little water they have under the theme... What if? Which implies every drop counts.



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1: Minister Nomvula Mokonyane taking a walkabout with Premier Chupu Mathabatha.

2: Minister Mokonyane demonstrating how the mobile water tankers work to beneficiaries.

3: One of the beneficiaries taking pride in her gift from the minister.



66 Pump Operators employed as General Workers

Sekhukhune District Municipality is in the process of doing away with the tendency of relying on volunteers for a very essential task of providing water to the communities.

As such the District will appoint the personnel which will execute this duty permanently into the system so that they can also receive salaries and benefits like other workers. On this note 66 pump operators have been appointed as General Workers and there is a pending process of appointing 25 others before the end of this financial year.

In the quest to strengthen its capacity to deal decisively with water challenges in the District, the District has streamlined operations by designating Member of Mayoral Committee Cllr Mokhulwane Mathale the responsibility of Operations and Maintenance; and Member of Mayoral Committee Cllr Fannie Mathote Lekola the responsibility for Infrastructure Projects. Since their appointment there is improvement in terms of clarification of roles.

R1,9 Billion spent since 2011

Significant progress has been registered in the delivery of basic water services to the residents of Sekhukhune. There is a noticeable increase in the number of households with access to water infrastructure.

The total number of water projects implemented since 2011 is 32 and the amount spent is R1,9 billion. And in 2015/16 financial year, the District is implementing 12 projects valued at R120 million, majority of which are multi-year projects. The District continues to bring water closer to the people in a bid to improve lives. To increase coverage of the majority of the district's

population, schemes were prioritised in terms of facilitating linkage to different communities.

The schemes are Mooihoek-Tubatse, De Hoop Dam, Nkadimeng, Nebo Plateau, Zaaiplaa-Carbonites, Groblersdal -Luckau, Moutse East/Moutse West Bulk, Flag Boshielo and Olifants.

While these are the bulk infrastructure projects, it must further be noted that majority of the residents of Sekhukhune still get water through boreholes and water tankers which are not sustainable.

There are positive outcomes in terms of the provision of water from De Hoop Dam. However, some of the impediments include the capacity constraints raised by Eskom to pump enough water.

Our people deserve a safe, dignified sanitation

The District has increased access to basic sanitation services. The District has since 2011 completed 72 000 Ventilated Improved Pit latrines(VIP) toilets, and currently more than 20 000 VIP toilets are under construction and the amount spent is R259 million.

By the end of 2015/16 financial year the number of toilets that would be built to safeguard the dignity of the people of Sekhukhune will be 92 000. And the total expenditure will be R1,2 billion.

In addition to that the District has since 2011 embarked on a programme of upgrading and refurbishing sewage systems and plants. To date, nine projects have been worked upon and the total amount spent is R197 million. In addition to this Sekhukhune District Municipality has refurbished eight Water Treatment Works costing R221 million.



Flag Boshielo Dam basin in a desert state, photographs were taken on 05 February 2016

OPPORTUNITIES for young people

In order to resonate with the with the mission of taking the interests of young people seriously, we are on course with the annual Sekhukhune Youth Opportunity EXPO which is bringing the multifaceted opportunities to young people. This initiative was launched in 2015 in collaboration with SEDA, Presidency of the Republic of South Africa led by Deputy Minister Buti Manamela, Small Business Development Ministry and the mining companies. The second edition of this EXPO will be held from the 09 and 10 June 2016 at Thaba Moshate Casino and Resort in Burgersfort.

The main event will be held on Friday 10 June while the preceding date will be reserved for the 50 young people to be identified and short listed to partake in the youth mentorship workshop. We are optimistic that an array of youth opportunities such as career exhibitions, skills and training opportunities offered by Sector Education and Training Authorities as well as private companies will be incorporated in the opportunities in order to lift the burden of unemployment among the youth.

The vision of the expo is to consolidate all youth empowerment and development initiatives championed by civil society, government and private sector into a high impact and multifaceted opportunities platform that comprehensively enable the youth to tackle the triple challenges of unemployment poverty and inequality isolated by the country's National Development Plan.

Sekhukhune District Municipality intends to approach different stakeholders including entrepreneurs, mining companies, chambers of commerce and a whole lot of organizations for partnerships geared at youth development. One thing that these partnership driven initiatives lacked is serving as mediums, moments and markets for beneficial interface between the youth and different opportunity providers.

In keeping with the vision of a developmental local government and the ethos of developmental communication which



Special Programmes Officers, Ms Nono Phokwana (Youth) and Ms Thembi Kabini (Persons with disability) during one of the youth career exhibitions organised in the District.

advocates for opularizing opportunities to citizens, the Office of the Executive Mayor has designed the Youth Opportunities Expo as a platform to empower, promote and inspire the youth to play a meaningful role in the development of the district.

OBJECTIVE OF OPPORTUNITIES EXPO

DISPLAY the diverse opportunities that exist in all sectors of the economy;

EMPOWER the youth to position themselves to seize career and entrepreneurial opportunities.

CONNECT the youth with opportunity providers in a focused, undistracted and meaningful engagement.

PROMOTE youth enterprises along the lines of social entrepreneurship, industrial and creative linkages in order to create role models and success stories, and sharpen the youth to be upcoming global citizens and partners with capability to shape their destiny.

the ailing economy

We have declared that mining, agriculture and tourism are the key economic pillars. And we are concerned that the Anglo platinum group has announced measures to close some of its operations. We are concerned because we are heavily dependent on mining for our growth particular focusing on the Dilokong Platinum belt going into the Steelpoort Valley.

The decision to shut down operations will result into job losses, increased level of poverty and growing gaps of inequality. We are aware that factors such as the ever escalating price of platinum, exchange rate, community unrests, commodity prices, etc are the cause of this mine closures. However, any loss of jobs is a critical matter to us.

Municipal roads

we wish to reemphasize our continued commitment as the district municipality and its local municipalities to the construction of tarred or paved roads from all the main roads towards the tribal kraals of our esteemed traditional leaders. Without contradiction, I know for sure that Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality has done exceptional well and this regard and we congratulate Mayor Honourable Alfred Matlala for a job well done. In that spirit we humbly call upon all our municipalities to start implementing this resolution as a matter of priority and principle in honour of our traditional leaders.

sport

The following are flagship projects for sport: Eastern Limb Mines/Executive Mayor's Road Race, held in Praktiseer every December in collaboration with LIMA; Executive Mayor's Cup, normally taking in June and now December and it is rotating across all locals, include all sporting codes; and Indegenous Games, kgati, moruba, morabaraba, normally in July and across all the locals in partnership with department of sports, arts and culture. It ends at national level.

TB ALERT

Statistics South Africa (Stats-SA), attributes majority of deaths to Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS. Countrywide, Sekhukhune District Municipality is rated Number 6 on TB prevalence. We call upon all our people be part of campaigns to fight against the spread of this dreadful diseases.

Agric School reopens

We salute Premier Chupu Mathathaba and his Cabinet for fulfilling their commitments to the people of Sekhukhune. We are proud that the Tompie Seleka College of Agriculture has been re-opened with successful 2016 student intake. We are making a clarion call to all our youth to leverage the opportunities available at the college by enrolling to study there. One of the key projects in the cabinet nine point plan to revitalise the economy is agriculture and through this college, our youth can acquire necessary technical skills and experience to revolutionaries agricultural production. This college has a potential to produce more agricultural economists, extension officers, pastures and soil scientists, agronomists and horticulturalist.

Development Agency

Six years ago, in 2009, the Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) was formed. And its role was to facilitate development within the District Municipality by leveraging opportunities available in mining, agriculture and tourism. The SDA is the vehicle which we require to propel in order to achieve some of the cardinals of the 9-Point Plan, which are 'revitalizing the agriculture and the agro-processing value chains, encouraging private sector investments, unlocking the potential of SMMEs, Co-ops, township and rural development and growing tourism'.

Maaparankwe

We developed policies that enable us to honour our traditional leaders in their cultural celebrations. To name a few, Kgoshi Mampuru II Day, King Nyabela Day, King Sekhukhune Day and King Thulare Day. We will partake in the bereavements of our traditional leaders, and support their inaugurations and other custom related events. We enjoy working with our traditional leaders who are ex-officio members of our Councils, and also in the District House of Traditional Leaders for the guidance. 'Sebatakgomo'.



IDP/BUDGET PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS 2016/2017 - 2020/2021

Cllr. Mogobo David Magabe
Executive Mayor

Cllr. Mathebe N.C
District Speaker

Date	Time	Venue	Municipality	Stakeholder	Executive Deployees	Management Deployees
19/04/2016	14:00	Groblerdsdal Fire Station	SDM	Staff	Municipal Manager	All Directors
20/04/2016	13:00	Makhuduthamaga Council chamber	Makhuduthamaga	Magoši and Business	Executive Mayor/ MMC Kgoloko	Kgopelo Phasha & Seporo Masemola
25/04/2016	13:00	Mohlaletse Community Hall	Fetakgomo	Public	MMC Mamahlako MMC Seloane	Charles Malema & Kgopelo Phasha
20/04/2016	13:00	Jane Furse Comprehensive School	Makhuduthamag	Public	MMC Nchabeleng MMC Matlala	Phakane Phahlamohlaka & Bongani Mtshali
25/04/2016	13:00	Marble Hall Town Hall	Ephraim Mogale	Public	MMC Mathale MMC Kupa	Bongani Mtshali & Ntheng Marobane
28/04/2016	13:00	Nonyane Hall (Tafelkop)	Elias Motsoaledi	Public	MMC Lekola MMC Matlala	Michael Mohlamonyane & Phakane Phahlamohlaka
28/04/2016	13:00	Nthame Primary School	Greater Tubatse	Public	MMC Kupa MMC Mathale	Seporo Masemola & Michael Mohlamonyane
03/05/2016	17:00	Tubatse Chamber	Greater Tubatse	Rate Payers	Executive Mayor	Ntheng Marobane & Amos Matjiya
04/05/2016	17:00	Marble Hall Town Hall	Ephraim Mogale	Rate Payers	MMC Lekola	Bongani Mtshali & Kgopelo Phasha
04/05/2016	17:00	Groblerdsdal Chamber	Elias Motsoaledi	Rate Payers	MMC Seloane	Charles Malema & Phakane Phahlamohlaka



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