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**Office of the Executive Mayor**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER MEC  
JERRY MASEKO BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF  
SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CLLR  
MINAH BAHULA ON THE OCCASION OF IMMSA,  
SALGA LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GAMES HELD ON  
THE 6<sup>th</sup> AND THE 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025 AT GROBLERSDAL  
RUGBY STADIUM.**

**Master of Ceremonies, Leburu,**

Mayors from Our Four Local Municipalities,

Speakers and Whip of Councils,

SAIMSA President, Mr Sam Rameetse,

IMMSA President, Mr Stephen Mhlabane,

SALGA Provincial Deputy Chairperson, Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane,

Sponsors, as represented by Mr Desmond Moeng,

Health Sector as represented by Ms Precious Mudau,

Members of the Mayoral Committee and EXCO from the length and the breadth of Limpopo Province,

Local Organising Committee and the Representatives of the participating municipalities,

Our esteemed guests, participants in the various sporting codes,

Friends from the Media,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **Master of Ceremonies,**

We feel greatly honoured and privileged as Sekhukhune District Municipality to be the host of 2025 IMMSA, SALGA Limpopo Provincial Games. Municipalities are participating in today's tournament. We all know that at the end of the games tomorrow there will be winners for

each sporting code, but all participating municipalities are the winners. Sports and physical activity programs within an Employee Assistance Programme offer numerous benefits to employees, fostering both physical and mental well-being, and indirectly boosting workplace productivity. These programs help employees manage stress, improve health, and strengthen team bonds, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more engaged workforce.

### **Master of Ceremonies,**

A healthy mind in a healthy body so goes the saying. We need more healthy workers as municipalities to provide quality services to our people. We are further encouraged by inspirational words from President Mandela (open quote) “Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, the power to unite the people in a way that little else does. It speaks to the youth in a language they understand. Sports can create hope, where there was once only despair. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination. Sports is a game of lovers”.

## **Master of Ceremonies,**

Our keynote speaker was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3 days after the birthdate of President Mandela. He celebrates his birthday during Mandela Month every year. He joined politics during the difficult years when it was not fashionable under apartheid rule. He was student activist during his college days. He is also a product of local government having served as a local councillor during the Transitional Local Councils from 1995 to 2000 in the Eastern Tubatse–Ohrigstad transitional council and then in the Sekhukhune District Municipality in 2000 to 2011, ultimately serving as a Member of the Mayoral Committee and Chief Whip in Sekhukhune.

He held various leadership positions in the ANCYL in the Region until elevated to the position of ANCYL Limpopo Provincial Treasurer. He also served as ANC Sekhukhune Regional Secretary for two consecutive terms in 2014 and 2017.

He served as a parliamentary officer to the MEC for Roads and Transport in Limpopo.

He became the Member of Limpopo Provincial Legislature in May 2019 following the 2019 General Elections and served in number of portfolio committees, agriculture, social development and sports, arts and culture. He is currently the MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture since June 2024.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please allow me to introduce the Son of the Soil, Honourable MEC Jerry “Nxamane” Maseko.

**I thank you.**