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**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CLLR
MINAH BAHULA ON THE OCASSION OF
SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT DDM CHAMPIONS
SESSION HELD ON THE 1st AUGUST 2025 AT
SEKHUKHUNE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GROBLERSDAL.**

**Programme Director, Honourable Mr Baldwin
Tshitereke, I must also acknowledge you as the MEC
for LEDET,**

Deputy Minister of Correctional Services Honourable Ms
Lindiwe Ntshalintshali,

Deputy Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development
Honourable Mr Chupu Stanley Mathabatha,

MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Honourable
Ms Nakedi Kekana,

Mayors from the local municipalities,

Strategic Partners,

Friends from the Media,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Programme Director,

Sekhukhune District Development Model Champions Session is taking place on the first day of 2025 women's month. The theme for Women's Month 2025, both in South Africa and globally, is "Accelerate Action: Rights, Equality, Empowerment for ALL Women and Girls". Acceleration of Women's rights is acceleration of human rights. We can only empower the womenfolk when we provide quality services to our people.

Sekhukhune District Municipality hosted a successful 8th Presidential DDM Imbizo on the 14th July 2023 at Motodi

Sports Complex, Fetakgomo-Tubatse local municipality. The people of Sekhukhune raised number of service delivery issues for the attention of the State President. Relocation of Sekhukhune District Offices, Establishment of Mining Academy, Provision of Portable Water were key issues. We all have a revolutionary responsibility as strategic partners in the service of the people to strive for the realisation of the raised issues.

Women will be the biggest beneficiaries of the relocation of the district offices and the establishment of mining academy in the district as they are the active role players in the informal enterprise, and the local economic development. Informal enterprise plays a significant role in many economies, particularly in developing countries like South Africa as it provides livelihoods for many people.

Programme Director,

Sekhukhune district today is better than it was in 2023. We experienced countless number of service delivery

protest by then attributed to water shortage in the communities. We made necessary interventions and the situation has normalised. We cannot manage alone but need the collective wisdom of all strategic partners in line with the District Development Model (DDM). The DDM requires that all stakeholders be involved in the planning, budgeting, and implementation of government programs.

Programme Director,

Allow me to formally welcome everybody present in this important session. I appeal for maximum participation for the benefit of the people of Sekhukhune. The days of planning and operating in silos are over. The DDM implores on all of us to work together, share expertise and embrace innovation to build more prosperous communities. The DDM is a commitment to improving the lives of our citizens through integrated and effective service delivery.

We are going to receive reports that will paint a clear picture on the state of the municipalities in the district and

a consolidated progress report on the implementation of the 8th Presidential DDM Imbizo Action Plan. Let us all soberly, critically and constructively engage on the reports and make meaningful contribution for the benefit of the people of Sekhukhune.

I thank you.