

WELCOME ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MALUTI-A-PHOFUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, DR B.E. MZAGWA DURING THE 2010 MASS MOBILISATION AND LEGACY CAMPAIGN ROADSHOW AT CHARLES MOPELI STADIUM, QWAQWA.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Just two days ago, I was delivering an annual budget speech and tabling the Budget Vote 2009/2010 in a community hall just adjacent to this very stadium.

In my speech I made it clear that as the municipality, we take sport and recreation as vital within our communities as they are able to build bridges and unite people. That is why we have undertaken to upgrade the existing facilities and this in the main includes upgrading of the following stadiums: Phuthaditjhaba, Monontsha, Thibella and Bluegumbosch in Qwaqwa, as well as Intabazwe Sports Complex and the Athletic track of Platberg stadium in Harrismith.

And here we stand today as the municipality being part of this magnificent 2010 Mass Mobilisation and Legacy Campaign roadshow, which is aimed

at mobilizing the community to rally behind the Confederations Cup and 2010 World Cup, as well as our national squad. As the community of Maluti-a-Phofung we can safely say that both the Confederations Cup and the World Cup belong to us all.

I am encouraged by the organizers of this road show, who saw it fit that the non-hosting municipalities should also feel the vibrancy of hosting the world's biggest tournaments. It is furthermore encouraging that these municipalities, ours included, will benefit from 2010 Legacy Campaign through skills and capacity development, as well as sustainable sport participation at local level. The coaching clinics will also go a long in benefiting our youth.

These coaching clinics will not only highlight the importance of sport and exercise among the youth of our country, but it will also motivate them to lead a healthier and fitter lifestyle as opposed to rough and abusing of alcohol as well as drugs by our teenagers, which we see rampant in our communities.

Programme Director, ours will be the first and the best tournament. Ours will be the African tournament. Ours will be the tournament, which stimulates love and loyalty for our country and continent. We will support it all the way.

As the leaders and residents of Maluti-a-Phofung, we say no matter what it takes, Confederations Cup and World Cup belong to us. Bafana Bafana belongs to us. We are proudly South African.

In welcoming all of you here in this beautiful part of our country, I say 2010 here we come. KE NAKO – CELEBRATE AFRICA'S HUMANITY.

You are all welcomed.