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**OPENING ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
CLLR MALEKE MOKGANYETSI DURING THE THIRD
QUARTER PERFORMANCE LEKGOTLA ON THE 18th
MAY 2023 AT THE MUNICIPAL CHAMBER.**

Programme Director,

The Honourable Mayors of Local Municipalities,

**Honourable Speaker of our Council, Cllr
Kgwediebotse Chego,**

Honourable Chief Whip, Cllr Choris Phokane,

Honourable Members of Mayoral Council,

Acting Municipal Manager and Your Teams,

**The Municipal managers from our local
municipalities,**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning!!!

We convened this performance lekgotla to objectively assess ourselves for the work that we did in the third quarter. We did not convene to tick the box. We convened in line with Section 151 of the 1996 Constitution of South Africa. Sub-section 1, the objects of local government are:-

(a) to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;

(b) to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;

Are we performing the tasks in line with the Constitutional mandate?

The response to this rhetorical question is not difficult to answer.

Programme Director,

We held a successful mid-term performance lekgotla on the 20th February 2023 at the Ranch Hotel.

We resolved amongst others to improve on our performance monitoring systems, to inject life into our intergovernmental forums, to prioritize the equipping of the boreholes and the filling of key positions in the organogram.

How far did we go in implementing the resolutions?

Programme Director,

The performance lekgotla is taking place during the Africa Month. Africa Month is celebrated under the theme “Acceleration of African Continent Free Trade Area implementation”. The African Continental Free Trade Area is an ambitious trade pact aimed at creating a single market for goods and services of almost 1.3bn people across Africa and deepening the economic integration of the continent. The trade pact aimed at reducing unemployment, poverty, and inequality in Africa.

To what an extent are we contributing, as the municipality, to the fight against triple challenges of unemployment, poverty, and inequality?

Programme director,

We are always in the news for wrong reasons. We had our fair share of service delivery protests. I feel ashamed to mention them one by one. We receive many services delivery complains every day. Our key function is the provision of water and sanitation. Our communities are not receiving their services. We cannot continue to give our communities excuses on why we fail to carry our Constitutional functions. We have the capacity, and the resources to provide services to our communities.

Why are we failing to carry out our mandates?

Programme director,

There are key projects that must be concluded before the end of this financial year in line with the service delivery and budget implementation plan. This is our last internal opportunity to assess the plan before subjecting it to the Auditor General. We have a revolutionary responsibility to implement the plan. The plan is our own initiative. Nobody pointed a gun

at us to develop the plan. Why are we failing to conclude our projects according to our own plans?

Programme director,

Sekhukhune district municipality is hosting the 8th Presidential District Development Model oversight visit from the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. The oversight visit is scheduled for the 14th July 2023. I implore all of us gathered here to seriously prepare for the visit. The functionality of our intergovernmental forums and the district development teams are going to be put on the national spotlight. The days of operating as independent molecules are now over. We must have one plan and profile for the district. This is the first important document that we must produce for the visit.

Programme Director,

The performance lekgotla is convened to review the work of the municipality for the third quarter while simultaneously planning for the last quarter. In reviewing the work of the municipality, I call on all of

us to be courageous, and honest to ourselves and the municipality. We must work collectively as a team and avoid liberal tendencies. Chairman Mao described Liberalism as “To indulge in irresponsible criticism in private instead of actively putting forward one's suggestions to the organization. To say nothing to people to their faces but to gossip behind their backs, or to say nothing at a meeting but to gossip afterwards. To show no regard at all for the principles of collective life but to follow one's own inclination”.

Ke a leboga, Programme Director.