



KEY NOTE ADDRESS: Molemole Youth Career Expo June 2017

Date : 30 June 2017

Time : 09h00

Venue : Fatima Aces Sports Ground, Ward 11

Madam Speaker;

Chief Whip;

Members of the Executive Committee members;

Councillor Ramukhubedu, Ward Councillor of the this Ward, Ward 11;

Honourable Councillors of Molemole Municipality;

Distinguished guests from office of the Premier;

Representatives from National Development Agency;

Representatives from Institutions of learning –higher learning and further education and training;

Youth formations present here;

Representatives from our local schools;

The Municipal Manager and Officials present here;

Ladies and gentlemen;

We are gathered here today to join hordes of institutions, organizations and the nation at large to celebrate the youth month for 2017;

As much as today is the last day of the month dedicated to the celebration of our youth; we felt, as Molemole Local Municipality- we cannot be left behind;

Although we have just got back from a tedious and successful ward committee conference since Monday, we had to ensure we don't miss this opportunity to afford our youth the platform to get words of encouragement from various sectors of society – as gathered here in their various formations;

Recently, statistics SA released a shocking report on youth unemployment for the first quarter of this year;

At 58% unemployment rate we are mindful of the tough challenges facing us as leaders of society to come with programmatic initiatives and interventions to create opportunities for our youth to be actively involved in the economic mainstream of this country, the continent and the world over;

Programme Director, such a state of affairs require us to employ extra ordinary measures if we are to reverse the trend;

Of critical importance is for us to encourage our youth to spin the coin and be job creators instead of only job seekers;

The 2017 preferential procurement policy regulations provide state institutions like our municipality to alter our policies to be friendly to critical sectors like youth owned enterprises;

We shall indeed heed the call and ensure our supply chain management policy frameworks caters for the upliftment of youth entrepreneurship;

We shall indeed pursue our objective of filling in the position of a special focus officer - Who will among others serve as a youth desk in the municipality;

We shall work with our sector departments and of course youth organizations to realize this vision;

The future of this country is in the hands of today's youth;

The youth have the power to alter the state of affairs as we live in today;

We do acknowledge that youth empowerment is a necessary investment if we are to build a better future for the next generation;

Investing in our youth is an important ingredient in our pursuit of social cohesion;

Be that as it may, one cannot overemphasize the importance of formal education as a precondition for the realization of that broader vision;

We have among ourselves representatives of the youth formations; institutions of higher learning and Office of the Premier; the National Youth Development Agency;

We hope that you have grasp the information they imparted during their presentations
We hope that you will use the information to develop a new sense of urgency with regard to building their careers for the better;

We owe it that much to the class of 1976 who, 41 years ago stood up to the repressive educational system – so that me and you can choose how we wish to shape our future;

To the youth present here today - I would like to remind you that the future is in your hands – you are your own liberator;

Pull yourself up and stay focused as you pursue this interesting journey ahead you!

I THANK YOU!