



THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

WELCOME REMARKS DURING THE CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE
DRAFT MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT BILL (MRDB)

DATE : 10 JULY 2025

VENUE : KUMBA BIOSKOP HALL

TIME : 10:00

Programme Director,
Fellow councillors
Representatives from the Department of Mineral and
Petroleum Resources
All stakeholders present here
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning!!! Dumelang!!!

Programme Director,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome each of you today to this important consultation meeting hosted by the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources. We are gathered here to discuss the Draft Mineral Resources Development Bill (MRDB), an important legislation that will shape the future of mineral and petroleum resource management in our area and throughout the country as a whole.

I extend a warm welcome to our esteemed fellow councillors from the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, whose presence indicates the collaborative spirit necessary for the successful implementation of this bill.

Your commitment to the development and welfare of our community is important, and we look forward to your insights and perspectives throughout our discussions today.

I would also like to acknowledge and welcome all stakeholders, business representatives, and community members in attendance. Your attendance and participation will be crucial as we seek to create a framework that not only promotes sustainable development but also addresses the needs and concerns of all parties involved. Your voices, experiences, and expertise will help ensure that this legislation balances economic growth with environmental protection and social responsibility.

The purpose of today's meeting will be presented to all of us by relevant officials and team members from the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources. We believe that the best policies will emerge from inclusive consultation, where all viewpoints will be considered and valued.

Furthermore, I encourage all attendees to engage actively and share your thoughts as we embark on this journey together.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for being here today and for your continued dedication to the sustainable development of our mineral resources. Let us work together towards a bright and prosperous future for our communities. You are all welcome.

I thank you.