



THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Welcome Remarks by TLM Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr JEA Swanepoel
during the Strategic Planning Session held on 17 March 2022,
Thabazimbi Country Lodge at 09:00

Programme Director

Honourable Councillors

Our Management Team led by the acting Municipal Manager

Representatives from sector departments

All stakeholders present here

And everyone present here this morning

Good morning!!! Goeiemore!!!!Dumelang!!!

Let me take this opportunity to greet and welcome all of you gathered here today and tomorrow in this important session. We meet here to remind ourselves of the promises we have made as government towards making the lives of our people better.

Local government is and will remain the implementing agent of government's transformation and delivery programs. Two parallel and reinforcing roles of local government are sustainable upliftment and empowerment of local communities and the sustainable creation of an environment for economic development and opportunity.

The primary vehicle for carrying out these roles is service delivery. Local government should therefore create the capacity to be able to deliver the required services.

Honourable Councillors, the challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality in our society are the basis through which our thinking should be cantered as we undertake this two days strategic planning session.

Furthermore, we should, as part of our planning for these two days, ensure that we prioritize discussions around service delivery, as our means to improve the living conditions for our people.

This session should not only be about planning but also serve as peer review mechanism for you to critique each other in good faith and share wisdom. If one department is failing, let us be frank and honest, highlight possible causes of such failures, and suggest solutions.

We can only succeed if all departments achieve their SDBIPs, stick to key performance areas and work as a team.

Programme Director, now that I have laid a foundation for our discussion for the two days, I am confident that through your valuable inputs, we will develop good strategies and tactics to guide us in delivering excellent services to our people.

In our all discussions let us also take cognizance of our commitment to attain clean audit, and let us collectively strive towards putting in place measures to guide us towards this clean Audit.

With those few words, I therefore declare this strategic planning session officially opened.

I thank you