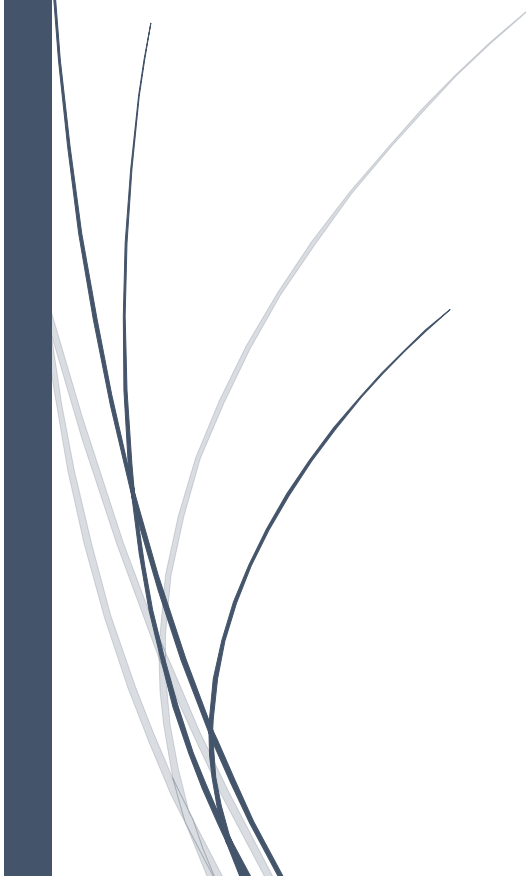


Welcome address by Cllr Siyaphi Shirilele during the Mapungubwe Arts Festival Media Launch at Mapungubwe Heritage Site on Tuesday 01 November 2016.



Programme Director

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Mme Onnica Moloji

Fellow councilors

Invited guests

Members of the media

And everyone present here this morning

I greet you all.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all in Musina for this important event. As Musina Local Municipality, we want to express our sincere appreciation to the leaders of our provincial government and organizers of this event for choosing us as hosts. I would also like to give my warm welcome and sincere thanks to all politicians, government officials at various levels, and everyone who is part of this media launch.

Honoured Guests, let me take this opportunity to familiarize you with the vision statement of Musina Municipality. It reads: ***“To be the’ vibrant, viable and sustainable gateway city to the rest of Africa”***. We are surely going to achieve this vision by engaging ourselves in internationally acclaimed events like the Mapungubwe Arts Festival..

Honourable guests, Musina boast a wide range of tourist attractions, which include parks, mining houses, game reserves and natural beauty. We invite you to enjoy the beauty of Musina and visit some of our great tourist attractions before you leave.

You are once more welcome here in Musina – the home of the world heritage site of Mapungubwe.

Thank You