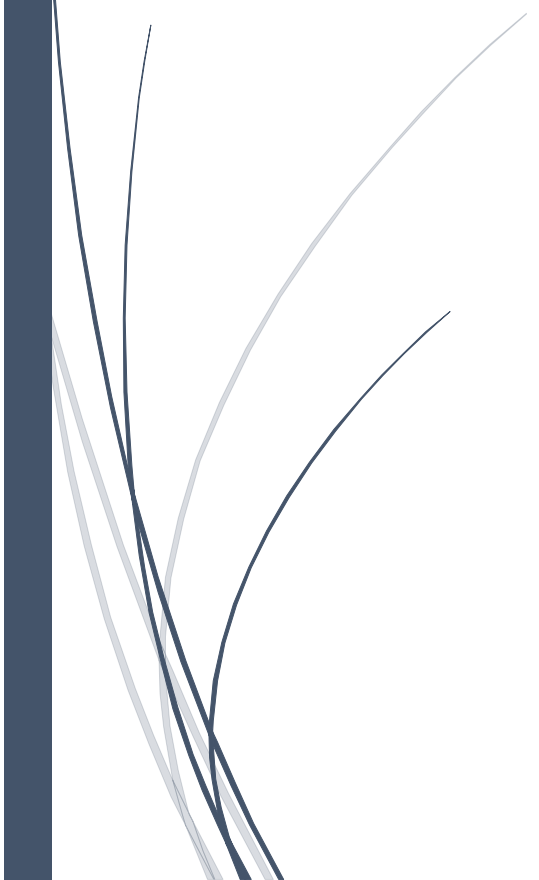


Welcome Address by Her Worship Mayor of Musina, Cllr. Mihloti Muhlope during the Youth Council Launch.



Programme Director

Representatives of all youth formations

Invited guests

And everyone present here today

I greet you.

It gives me pleasure to welcome you to this important event aimed at creating a platform for the youth to empower themselves.

Programme Director, the South African Youth Council is a product of the country's history and future. Its formation in 1997 recognized both the role played by the youth in the liberation of South Africa and its contribution to rebuilding South Africa.

I'm happy that issues affecting the needs of the youth in our municipal area will finally be heard and addressed through this initiative.

This gathering here today must be seen as part of making sure that young people are speaking in one voice. When you are organized, it becomes easier to be heard.

Those who will be inducted should be leaders who are prepared to serve selflessly and be committed and visionaries. We need leaders who will leave a legacy for the local communities. We take this organization as an incubator at which young future leaders will be groomed.

The role of the Youth Council to be inducted should be to ensure that all young people from the entire community, with their diverse challenges, characters, qualities and interests, unite towards the development of programmes that will give solutions to their challenges.

As local government, we are very serious about youth development because we know that the foundation of every state is its youth. I wish you well and hope you will represent the interests of young people without compromise.

You are therefore all welcome.

Thank you.