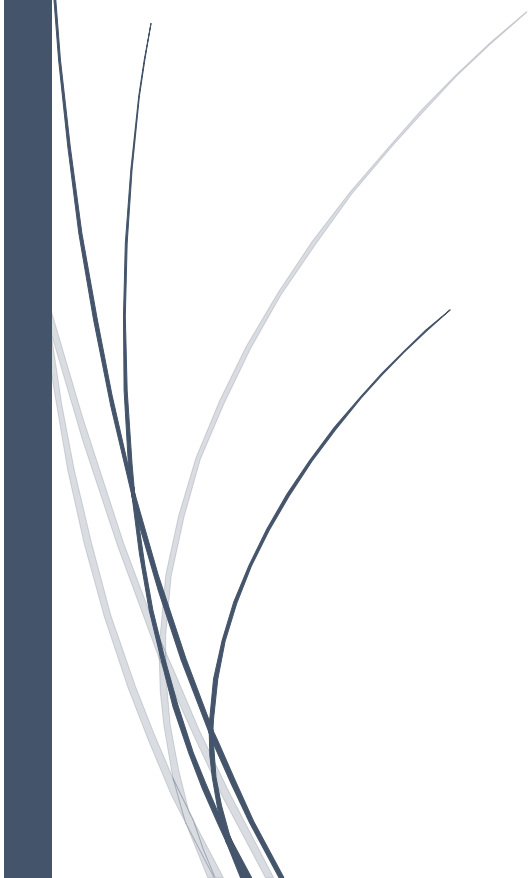


**Keynote address by Her Worship Mayor of Musina, Cllr Mhloti Muhlope during the inaugural IMET tournament at Lesley Manyathela Stadium on Saturday 24 March 2018**



Programme Director

Fellow Councillors

Our main sponsors, Sanlam

Players from Musina, Makhado, Blouberg and Greater Tzaneen Municipalities

Invited guests

Sports lovers

And everyone present here this morning

A warm greeting to you all

It gives me pleasure to deliver this short address before the commencement of the inaugural IMET tournament. As Musina Municipality, we are very humbled to host this important tournament aimed at building friendship amongst the participating municipalities.

Research shows that employees who participate in extra-mural activities are more productive than those who don't.

Apart from helping us with physical fitness, sport also serves as a tool to develop a sense of friendship, team spirit, concentration, problem solving skills, critical thinking and mental strength.

I have been reliably informed that all the participating municipalities were all invited on time. Hence I have no doubt that we will enjoy entertaining games because you all had enough time to practice and prepare for these games.

Let us keep in mind that by virtue of being part of this tournament, all participating teams are winners. Let it not be about competition but it should all be about friendship and relationship building.

Our hospitality and love towards visitors does not need a guest speaker to emphasize. We love you all and we commit that you will continuously experience the warmth of our love throughout the day.

With these few words, I hereby declare the 2018 inaugural IMET tournament officially opened.

Thank you