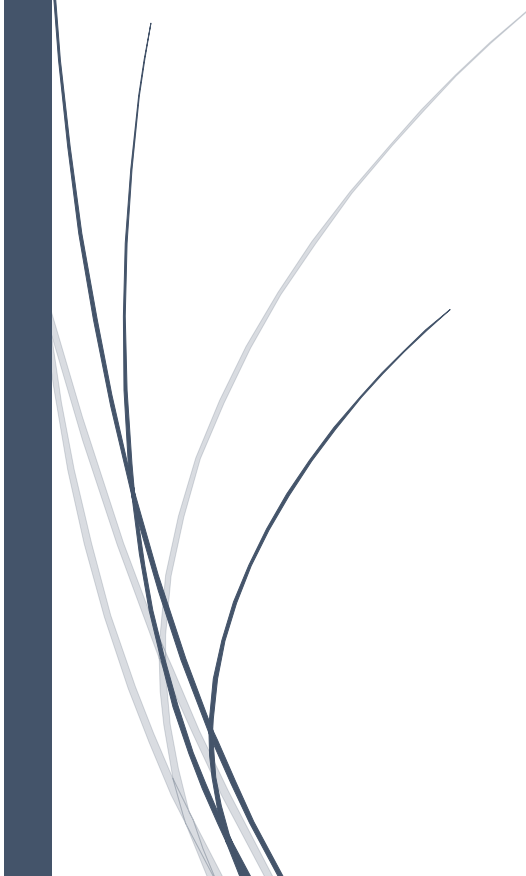


**Welcome Remarks by Cllr Prince Sakala during the State of the Municipality
Address at Musina Showground on Friday 22 June 2018**



Thank you Programme Director

Special greetings to everyone who has joined us today.

I am pleased to welcome you to this important occasion in the calendar of Musina Local Municipality. When the history book of Musina Local Municipality is penned, this day will appear in a special chapter.

The reason is simple – we have through this occasion successfully demonstrated that cooperation with our stakeholders is the primary instrument which gives life to the aspirations of government. Your availability here today clearly defies the assumptions that government work is done behind closed doors.

I'm aware that we are living in a very busy world. Words alone cannot express our appreciation for the fact that you decided to put everything aside to come and honour our invitation today.

Your presence here today provides robust support in eliminating the elements and factors that fuel challenges which impede progress and erode public confidence in the governance process. Indeed, it is a blessing to have all of you here today.

Honoured guests, let me remind you that when nature calls, we have comfortable rest rooms for both genders just outside in the northern wing of this facility. In case of emergency, the empty space between this hall and the far north ablution facilities will serve as our assembly point.

If guests need any assistance, our dedicated municipal officials are readily available to lend a helping hand.

With these few words, you are all welcome to this important occasion.

Thank you.