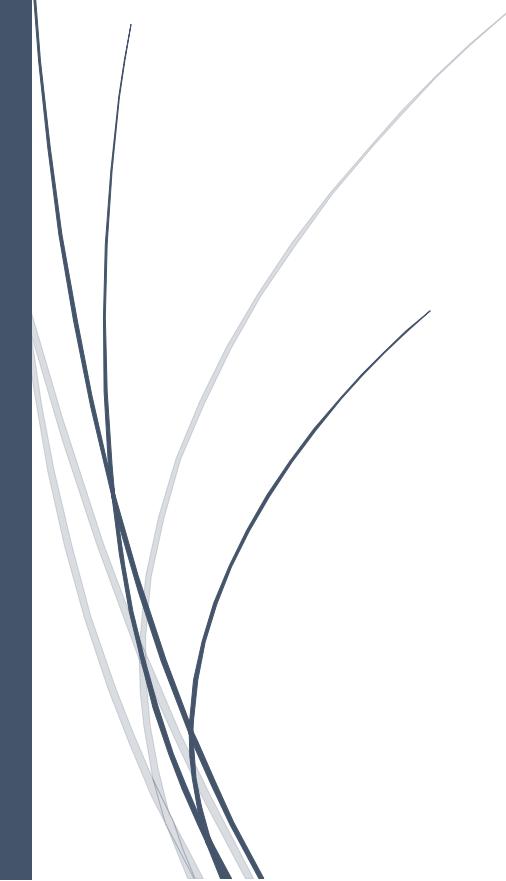


**Opening address by Her Worship Mayor of Musina Cllr Muhloti Muhlope
during the strategic planning session at Forever Belabela Resort on
Wednesday 07 February 2018**



Thank you Facilitator

Ri a luvha Mahosi ashu

Honourable Councilors

Our Management Team led by the Municipal Manager

Representatives from sector departments

And everyone present here this morning

Ndi a vha resha.

We meet here to remind ourselves of the promises we have made as government towards making the lives of our people better.

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

We need to remind ourselves of the vision of our country, as contained in the National Development Plan, which is our country's roadmap to a better life for all. In addition, our key priorities, which include: Education, Health, the Fight against crime, creating decent work as well as rural development and land reform, should set the basis through which our strategic objectives should emanate.

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

I am grateful that today's meeting is a culmination of a series of management and portfolio meetings wherein departmental issues and plans were dealt with holistically.

I commend the Municipal Manager for his approach of holding departmental build up sessions prior to this session. I am confident that this approach will make things easier as we will be able to fully understand each department's contribution to the development of the municipality.

Programme Director, now that I have laid a foundation for our discussion for the three 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 words I therefore declare this strategic planning session officially opened.

Thank you