

SPEECH DELIVERED BY HON MEC NDALANE MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN HER FIRST MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF AT HEAD OFFICE

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Programme Director

Head of Department Mme Maisela

Chief Directors

Directors

Deputy Directors

Representatives from the District

Staff at Head Office

Ladies and gentlemen

Organised labour unions

I bring you Greetings from our number one citizen Honourable Stanley Chupu Mathabatha. Our Premier is in the class of the New Dawn as advocated by The President of the country His Excellency President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa.

Programme Director Let me take this opportunity from the bottom of my heart and thank the ruling party the AFRICAN National CONGRESS for winning the election in a convincing manner in our Province. This has been mainly because of you. Since my arrival I have just started recognizing some faces as those of party Agents; volunteers and door knockers. The victory is yours and it is highly appreciated.

At the same wave some of you were assisting the Elections by offering your services to the IEC. The Elections were declared free and fair because of your efforts. To all of us who assisted in the Elections in one way or another...I say job well done but lets get down to business and increase the pace of service delivery.

I am personally humbled by the confidence the ruling party has on me hence the deployment to this portfolio.

Programme Director I have just spent some few days in the Department but I have already made observations. From my arrival the reception was the best.....Unless you were pretending. From the look of things you appear to be one of the most organized departments.

I took time with staff and we studied and analyzed your APP. As a Department you have met almost all Targets except where it was not possible by circumstances beyond your control. Aspects such as Natural disasters can make it impossible for you to reach the Targets

Programme Director I must indicate that out of your 8 Programmes and plans I really enjoyed the 4 of them. I will give myself time to go through the remaining ones.

#### FARMER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

The main aim is to provide support to farmers through Agricultural development Programmes. The support to farmers has a great contribution to food security. Programme Director we are a rural province and I urge you and your team to continue supporting our beloved farmers as you have been doing. My only role in this regard will be to conduct oversight.

#### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SERVICES

This Programme is important for the economy of the province. Let's continue to assist farmers in marketing their products.

#### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Programme Director It is a well-known fact that Education forms the basic way of life this days. As indicated in your Programmes the aim of this is to facilitate and provide vocational guidance in Agriculture, Forestry and fisheries.

Programme Director I have already dispatched a team from my office to go and visit our two Agricultural colleges that is Madzivhandila and Tompi Seleka.

The purpose of the visit is to conduct normal oversight and see for ourselves the good work that you have been doing to these institutions. Programme Director It is only through Education that our farmers will be equipped to increase production.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Programme Director, We are truly a rural province. This Programme in my view will ensure that we work with all key stakeholders, and our social partners in order to deliver a sustainable and efficient rural Development service to all our rural communities.

Programme Director

In the few coming weeks together with your office and relevant Director we need to meet all the stakeholders in the AGRICULTURAL sector. This is mainly done to familiarize myself with the set up in the Department.

It will also be imperative to have a session with the labour unions. The unions play a leading role in promoting sound labour relations. We shall at all times try to maintain the employer...employee relationship. I am however aware that at this institution you have sound labour relations.

Programme Director We must strive to improve the image of our Department. This institution has one of the best projects in the province situated at Rivoni School. I will be happy if we can visit the school as Team Agriculture just to show our support and interest.

Programme Director I need to thank my predecessor Honourable Makamu for the job well done. I am not going to change anything however I am just going to complement you.

On the same breath our Minister Mme Didiza will always be with us because she is deployed here by the ruling.

Programme Director let's continue doing the good work.

I thank you

Hi nkomu

Ke a leboga

Hi khensa

Ndo livhuwa

