

WELCOME SPEECH BY MAYOR OF LEPELLE-NKUMPI MUNICIPALITY HONOURABLE PHAAHLA V.M AT THE SERVICE SETA DISABILITY PROJECT LAUNCH ON THE 18 APRIL 2012, LEBOWAKGOMO CIVIC CENTRE

We are delighted to have you here to participate and share in the launch of Limpopo Disability Project for the placement of 100 graduates with disabilities on internship programmes within the Municipalities and other government agencies within Limpopo Province hosted by services SETA in partnership with Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) with the National Skills Development Strategy is to support economic growth for employment creation and to eradicate poverty. Thank you for coming. That many of you travel long distances serves to remind us all just how important this event is.

The Sector Education and Training Authorities are important institutions in the post school landscape of South Africa and should be used more effectively to improve skills development in the country. We are very delighted now that accountability and good governance have improved at most Seta's within our country. We thank the Minister for introducing an independent chairperson at Seta, limiting the numbers of board meetings and board members, requiring the participation of the Department of Higher Education and Training Minister in board members approval including two Ministerial appointees on each Seta board, standard remuneration rate for board and committee members, holding board members accountable for executing their duties as required. Lack of governance has been one of the major contributing factors to poor performance of the Seta's and the problems have impacted on the delivery of training.

It is against this content that we appreciate the work done by services SETA to place 100 graduates with disabilities on internship programme within the Municipalities and other government agencies within our Province. This is a clear indication that things have changed for the better.

Through this programme we believe that the workplace experience for people with disability will facilitate a long term sustainable employment creation and ensure mitigation of this community into the mainstream economy of the country. We are saying to the 100 graduates that prepare yourselves to be challenged, excited and inspired.

We are honoured to have Premier's Office and the Ministry of women, children and people living with disabilities. Thank you for coming.

And before I hand over to our Programme Director, I want to say once more on behalf of the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, welcome it's a pleasure to see many of you here.

I THANK YOU !!

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