

## **Speech by the Mayor of the eThekweni Municipality at the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the International Forum on Elite Sport**

- Programme director,
- Mr. Dale Henwood President, Association of Sport Performance Centers,
  
- Mr. Brendon Goodenough, Chairman of the Durban Forum Local Organizing committee.
  
- Esteemed international and national delegates and partners,
  
- Councillors,
  
- Members of parliament,
  
- Sports men and women
  
- Officials from the national and provincial sports and recreation departments

Good evening

On behalf of the eThekweni Municipality I wish to extend a warm welcome to you all to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Forum on Elite Sport.

It is indeed my honour to welcome you all to Africa's leading events and sporting capital.

This year will mark the 10th edition of the International Forum on Elite Sport which is held every two years by the Association of Sport Performance Centers (ASPC), an international grouping of Olympic training centres and high performance sports organizations.

I wish to thank the ASPC for choosing Durban as the host city for this year's edition of the forum. I also wish to thank all our partners for working together to ensure that this important event comes to our city, our province and indeed our great continent of Africa.

We are lucky to have great minds and practitioners present in our city to make a significant contribution to the growth and development of our sports women and men.

We are pleased that the Forum will cover topics that will ensure that our youth, women and people with disabilities will also be beneficiaries of the outcomes of the conference.

We will continue to Support for these events and the development of sports and we will gladly welcome any opportunity to invest further in our fast growing base of talented athletes and coaches from the urban and rural areas.

In conclusion, please take time out from your programme to enjoy the sites, cuisine and hospitality of our great city. We have 300 days of great sunshine in Durban. Our winters are great for sport and tourism encounters and events.

Let's us celebrate what Durban has to offer tonight .. cheers

I thank you.