



**Inner City rejuvenation  
14 February 2017  
Durban**

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- Programme Director
- Honoured guests
- All protocol observed
- Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Sanibonani nonke !**

Good afternoon, let me start by wishing all of you a happy valentine's day. We must use such days to show love and care for the needy and downtrodden. We must give love to this world so that it becomes a better place. Yesterday, the Mayor launched a sanitary pads campaign for the girls in Chesterville which is part of caring city campaign. We have been blessed to have a Mayor who is also a mother, she is indeed a caring mayor. This afternoon she was with learners from Umlazi schools who have different disabilities.

We would like to appreciate your invite to this function, which came at the right time and history when we are busy talking radical economic transformation. I must say that we do have plans of turning the situation within the city so that we are able to become one of the most caring and liveable city in Africa.

reat cities of the world are liveable communities of people where government, commerce and culture thrive. Great cities offer a

variety of lifestyle and recreation. They find a balance between the natural and the built environment.

Great cities are places where the human spirit can thrive socially, economically and culturally. Durban has the aspirations to be a great city - therefore the Municipality is preparing a plan to develop and regenerate the Inner City.

We believe that this cannot be done by government working alone. We want to work with the ordinary member of a community. We want to give them an opportunity to get involved in the conservation and the management of the local environment. We want to work with people who love Durban and who not just concerned but serious about the environment.

We are well aware that Urban or Inner city and industrial conservancies take time to function effectively.

In relation to our inner city plans, our immediate goals as the Council is to attain the following:

- To accommodate 450,000 people when fully developed
- To create 250,000 jobs when fully developed
- Additional accommodation will be provided with at least 40% of that being a mix of affordable, Gap and social housing
- To place Durban on the World Tourism Map and grow tourist spending in the Inner City
- To accommodate more street trading
- Every resident will be within a 5 minute walk of facilities to supply their daily needs

- The IRPTN will have been implemented with an inner city distribution system
- The city will be more energy efficient and 90% of buildings in the city will have grey water recycling

Program director,

In closing, I must mention that we will be reviewing our IDP with an of accommodating the views of our people. Our people have raised number of concerns which necessitate the reviewing of some of the plans. These are not major reviews but minor to accommodate views of the people. With regards to inner city conservancy, we will be making more announcements and plans public for engagement.

We looking forward to hear from you this evening.

I thank you