



OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR ZANDILE GUMEDE- YOUTH DAY RALLY

17 June 2017 – Mpumalanga Stadium

Programme Director,
His Excellency – President JG Zuma,
Ministers present,
MECs Present,
EXCO members,
Councillors,
Municipal officials led by – Sipho Nzuza,
Abantu abasha,
Abezindaba,
Sanibonani nonke,

Today we are here to celebrate the lives of youth that laid their lives for freedom of our land. As eThekweni Municipality that is led by ANC, we believe that it is important that celebrate this 41st Anniversary of the Soweto Uprising of 1976. An occasion in the calendar of our history that changed the course of the struggle for liberation.

We are celebrating the class of 1976 who fought to for the liberation and freedom of this country.

The youth of 1976 took it upon themselves to fight for its generational mission which was to dismantle an unjust and cruel apartheid regime.

The 1976 generation continues to act as an inspiration to the youth of today to continue to fight for the immediate realization of economic freedom.

What is this economic freedom that we talk about:

1. It is the fundamental shift of the ownership patterns of the economy,
2. It is the return of the land to our people,
3. Creation of employment opportunities,
4. The development of a state owned bank ,
5. the provision of free and quality education for the poor and the promotion of youth entrepreneurship

We call on youth to continue with mobilisation for Economic Freedom which is the struggle we support.

The youth of today has disappointed those who called you a lost generation. You have disappointed those who thought you were just born-frees without direction. You have used the internet and social media to mobilise and fight issues of transformation. You said to us **Rhodes Must Fall** and we as eThekwini are now saying President OR Tambo must rise. This is one of the reason we are going to have a statue of President OR Tambo in front of Durban City Hall. We will also **change the logo** of eThekwini and rebrand it. Durban needs better identity.

Our youth said to us – **Data Must Fall** because of the cost of the internet. We as eThekweni have said we will increase our **FREE WI-FI** hotspot from 75 to 250 hotspot around the city. We want to have wifi at every library, every Sizakala Centre, at our Clinics and Schools of eThekweni. We are looking at increasing our wi-fi hotspot to respond to needs of our young people. We are also engaging the national government to deal with area where there is weak connectivity.

Our Youth said – **Fees Must Fall**. As eThekweni we said we will increase the allocation for bursaries, skills, artisans, learnerships, graduates programme and internships. This is in response to issues that have been raised by students. We have also started discussions with universities on what must we do solve student accommodation challenges.

As Tambo said: “A nation that does not take care of its youth has no future and does not deserve one.”

Comrades, political freedom without economic freedom is fruitless and meaningless to our people. This is the reason we believe that the programme for radical economic transformation is relevant. It is not a slogan but a living project that will change the lives of our people. As government of the People, we must not be apologetic about changing laws in order to benefit black people.

Ngesikhathi sethula isabelomali sonyakamali ka 2017/18, emhlanganweni wesiGungu esiPhezulu, mhlaka 31 Meyi, sazibophezela ekuthuthukiseni izimpilo zabo bonke abahlali baseThekwini okubandakanya intsha nokuyiyona ebhekene kakhulu nezinqinamba zobubha, ukungalingani nokuswelakala kwamathuba emisebenzi.

Inhloso yalemigubho yentsha uzohlinzeka intsha ngolwazi kwezamabhizinisi siphinde sicobelelane ngolwazi namasu amasha okuzithuthukisa kanye nokukhangisa amabhizinisi abo.

Njengedolobha elinakekelayo- siyikhathalele intsha yethu kanye nekusasa labo. Sinezinhlelo eziningi ezindaweni zikaMasipala zokuthuthukisa intsha . Ezinye zalezinhlelo ezokuthuthukisa intsha ngamakhono angandile, kanti ezinye ezamakhono ejwayelekile.

Siphinde sibe nemihlangano yokuthuthukisa intsha ngolwazi lwezamabhizinisi ukuze ikwazi ukuzimela, izivulele namabhizinisi iphinde ivule namathuba yemisebenzi kwabanye.

IziNhlelo zokuthuthukisa intsha zihlelwa iminyango ehlukene kaMasipala. Isibonelo ukuthi sithenge AmaPlazi akwaRainbow Chicken khona lapha eHammersdale ukuze sifundise intsha ngokulima, sifuna ukufaka intsha kwezamabhizinisi eFarming ikakhulukazi evela khona kulendawo.

Nalu uhla lwezinye zezinhlelo zokuthuthukisa intsha eziqhubekayo:

- Uhlelo lokufundiswa amakhono omsebenzi olunikezwa abafundi asebegodile olubiza imali engango R36.8 million ngonyaka. Bangu 1 000 abafundi abazohlomula kuloluhlelo lwama-IN-SERVICE.
- Uhlelo lwama-learnerships. Bangu 199 abafundi abahlomulayo kwimikhakha yakwa-business administration, owamakhamera okuqapha ubugebengu, abezimo eziphuthumayo, contact centres, kanye nawakwa payroll administration. Uhlelo lubiza imali engango R5.48 million.
- Izinhlelo zokuthuthukisa amakhono zivule amathuba angu 190 eziphathelene nomkhakha wezicishamilo, ababhukudi, business processing, owezobuchwepheshe, kanti imali efakwe kulomkhakha engango R3.5 million.
- Izinhlelo zokuthuthukisa umsebenzi wokhakha nokushisela (Artisans) zivule amathuba angu 92 emkhakheni ophathelene nokwakha, ukushisela, ukukhenikha, ukwakha izimoto, nogesi, kanye nokukhanda imishini ebiza, Uhlelo ludle imali engango R3.3 million ngonyaka.
- Kanti khona manjalo Imali engango R58million ebekelwe ukuthuthukisa intsha ngamakhono

Sizoqhubeka nokufeza isethembiso sikahulumeni sokwakha amathuba emisebenzi kanye nokusungula amathuba emisebenzi. Umasipala

unezinhlelo ezahlukene zokuvula amathuba amisebenzi. Siyabambisana neminyango kahulumeni wesifundazwe nohulumeni kaZwelonke.

Kubandakanya lokhu okulandelayo:

- Zibambeke Poverty Alleviation ebiza imali engango R93 million ivule amathuba emisebenzi angaphezulu kuka 6 500.
- Sihlanzimvelo Stream Cleaning ebiza imali engango R21 million isungule amathuba emisebenzi angaphezulu 500.
- Kuqashwe osonkontileka bezamapayipi abawu 943 abazokwenza imisebenzi ephathelene namanzi.
- Emkhakheni wokuqoqa udoti, osonkontileka abancane abangu 366 abanikwe lomsebenzi kanti bona sebeqashe abantu abalinganiselwa ku1770 ukuba baqoqe udoti.
- Abasebenzi abaqashwelwe ukuhlaza izikhungo zezindlu zangasese (ablution facilities) abawu 1250.
- Kwisabelo mali sonyaka ka 2017/18, sibeke imali elinganiselwa ku R66.7 yohlelo lwe EPWP.

Khona manjalo simema intsha kwimibukiso yamabhizinisi wesifunda - South Region ozobe ubanjelwe kwaMnyandu Shopping Centre, eMlazi 23- 25 June. Lapho sizogxila kwezo-CONSTRUCTION nokwakha.

Umbukiso wezamabhizinisi uyinkundla ehlabahlosile yokuletha konke okudingakalayo ukuthuthukisa ibhizinisi, uphinde ube yinkundla yosomabhizinisi yokukhangisa ngemikhiqizo yabo.

Simeme izikhulumi eziqavile okubalwa - Ungqongqoshe weminyango yezemisebenzi yomphakathi, **Nathi Nhleko**,
Ungqongqoshe wezokuxhumana, **Ayanda Dlodlo**,
Ungqongqoshe wezezimali, **Malusi Gigaba**.

Ningaphuthelwa ngeminya iminingwane ngena kwi-WEBSITE nakwiSocial Media. Kungenwa mahhala akukhokhwa mali.