



**WELCOME ADDRESS BY CLLR F PEER AT SAFHE BIENNIAL
CONFERENCE cocktail dinner
7 MARCH 2017
DURBAN ICC, Hall 1E**

Programme Director,
President of SAFHE Mr Jetendra Poorum,
President of CEASA Mr Jeffery Fry,
Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi,
Councillors present,
Government officials,
Captains of industry,
Professional and industry associations,
Media present,
Ladies and gentlemen,
All protocol observed,
Good evening, sanibonani and welcome to uMzansi.

I hope you had robust engagements earlier and we are looking forward to hear some of the ideas that will come out of this conference. We believe that we will be better equipped after this conference. We value your discussions and ideas.

This is one of the most respected events that brings together industry experts from both the public and private healthcare sectors to explore the challenges, complexities and opportunities for improving healthcare services in Southern Africa.

You are people who can make a difference in exploring the ever increasing challenges and complexities, in order to find affordable and sustainable solutions for this sector. We have pinned our hope on you and that of the people we lead. You must know that we trust your wisdom and judgment on industry things. We are opening ourselves to you, for continuous engagement and expert analysis.

Programme Director,

But tonight is not about long speeches, it is about Durban and celebrating this melting pot of cultures. We are showcasing ourselves to the world and locals.

A key success driver in growing the tourism industry is the marketing and exploitation of the destination's unique assets. The City has a remarkable vision for Durban. By working together with an events committee for the city we have identified signature events to showcase Durban as Africa's event's capital and destination of choice.

The world class infrastructure in the city, like the Moses Mabhida Stadium, ICC Durban, Beach Promenade, King Shaka International Airport and others, ensures that Durban is positioned as an international events and tourism destination. It is a shopper's paradise with world class standard shopping malls and precincts, craft markets and street bazaars. We have warm and friendly people who understand our vision of being the most caring city. Our vision is that we want to be the most caring and liveable city in Africa by 2030.

We would like to invite you to enjoy this city and its beauty during your stay. We would be glad if you consider Durban for another conference of this nature. This will be of great benefit to all of us here. We urge you to consider us next time when you plan for another gathering.

I invite you to come and celebrate with us this evening and enjoy our delicacies.

In closing, I think we can collaborate in planning future initiatives to expand and improve healthcare services to serve all our people more efficiently. We believe that this is a correct platform that will advise us as leaders on how we move forward together. With those few words, I welcome and please enjoy yourselves.