



WELCOMING REMARKS – AFRIWATER CONFERENCE & WORLD WATER DAY

Delivered by Cllr Ntshangase of eThekweni Municipality

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Tafta's Langelier Towers, Durban

Proramme Director

Chief Executive Officer of the Association for The Aged (TAFTA) - Margie Smith

Residents of TAFTA

Residents of Tafta Langelier Towers

Service Centers and Clubs

Members of the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Sanibonani,

I would like to dedicate this morning to our struggle stalwart, we deepen our revolutionary banner in mourning on the passing of Isithwalandwe/ Seaparankoe Comrade Ahmed Mohamed Kathrada, fondly known as Uncle Kathy.

He was born in the rural town of Schweitzer-Reneke in 1929 at the age of 17 he participated in the Passive Resistance Campaign of the South African Indian Congress, for which he was later arrested.

He was one of the eight Rivonia Trialists of 1963, after being netted in a police swoop of the Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia, and was sentenced to life imprisonment on Robben Island.

We mourn this great Son of Africa, we salute his life.

To the Kathrada family, friends and comrades, we send our deep heartfelt condolences. May his soul rest in peace. Hamba kahle Mkhonto.

Programme Director,

It is a great pleasure and honor to welcome you all to the official opening of the Langelier Towers, as they showcase their new residential opening.

It is very rare to find an old age home that not only can accommodate the elderly but their affordability as well, whilst having the capability to cater to their special needs too.

The new Langelier Towers development in conjunction with John Conradie is expected to provide accommodation for 300 to 400 residents, offering some of the best frail care facilities for its residents at an affordable price.

Over the last 50 years, The Association For The Aged has provided safe housing for the elderly in the municipality. And today we would like to encourage all the organizations who've worked with them to continue to do so.

Over the years, eThekweni Municipality has realized the importance of paying attention to the needs of special groups such as the elderly, giving them their required respect and dignity, which is how the Vulnerable Groups Programme came into being.

As the eThekweni municipality we operate numerous public programs for the upliftment of our local community, and indeed our combined vision is, "By 2030, eThekweni Municipality will be Africa's most caring and liveable city".

Kubalilekile ukuba sithandane njengabantu. Asiqhubeke sithandane, sibekezelelane umangabe sinamaphutha futhi sibe noBuntu njengabantu. Asithande abantu ngokufanayo singakhethi bala. Sithande izintandane, sithande ogogo bethu nomakhelwane bethu.

With those few words, I welcome you all.

I thank you.