

Speaking notes for Mayor Zandile Gumede at Moses Mabhida Stadium – DSTV 157 TV Series

DSTV sitcom

Programme Director,

Event Organiser – Mr Nathi Ngwenya,

Radio and TV personalities,

Captains of the industry,

Business representatives,

Socialites,

Members of the media,

All protocol is observed,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sanibonani,

I would like to thank you for inviting us to this wonderful event this evening. I would like to thank the organisers for choosing Durban and this beautiful stadium of ours. Moses Mabhida Stadium is one of the most important landmark in the city of Durban. It is practically impossible to speak of Durban without mentioning this beautiful stadium.

This week has been exciting for us in the city, especially for residents. It was for the first time that we saw a Durban based television production known as Imbewu-the Seed, which was being screened in our homes.

You chose an important week to screen launch this sitcom series of Meet the Khambules. We are really proud of the growth we are seeing on our screens. We would love to see more and more of these productions. We want them at a bigger scale. Our dream is to see Durban turning into Hollywood. I believe it is possible.

We have all known and seen Thenjiwe on social media. Her video clips having been circulating on our phones and they are very funny. We are looking forward to this production. I would like to congratulate the team that was working on it and we hope it will grow bigger and better. We support the local talent and local film industry. We support the local content; we want our people to tell our own stories.

The City has committed around R6 million to Durban Film Office over a period of three years, to ensure that empowerment and mentorship opportunities are provided to local filmmakers, so that their ideas can be turned into reality.

We have mandated Durban Film Office to position Durban as a world-class film production destination and facilitate the development of the local film industry. The office is also responsible for facilitating and coordinating on-location filming in the City of Durban and surrounds. I invite all the film makers to shoot their films in this city which is a home of television talent.

Congratulations!!