



Welcome Address Cllr Mpume Sithole on the occasion of the KZN Provincial EPWP KAMOSO Awards

05 October 2016 – 18h00
Three Cities Square Boutique Hotel and Spa

- Programme Director,
- Honourable Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Willies Mchunu,
- MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Mr Sihle Zikalala,
- MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Mr Ravi Pillay,
- MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mrs Nomusa Dube,
- MEC for Department of Social Development, Mrs Weziwe Thusi,
- Stakeholders and partners,
- Speakers in different topics,
- Distinguished guests,
- Ladies and gentlemen,
- All protocol observed,

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the award-winning City of Durban! We are honoured to host you on this special occasion of the provincial EPWP KAMOSO Awards.

Programme Director, let us remember the reason we are gathered here tonight is to celebrate excellence and to acknowledge the successes and collective and individual efforts of EPWP implementers.

The KAMOSO Awards were instituted in 2007 to encourage, motivate, recognise and reward the best performing government departments, municipalities, provinces and public bodies for their contribution in creating work opportunities for unemployed South Africans.

Let me also say that by recognising excellence in the work of individuals and organisations, we also raise the bar and we inspire others to emulate their example. Moreover, as we strive for excellence, we contribute to the broader socio-economic development of society and we improve the conditions of the people as a whole.

We need to remind ourselves that EPWP is much more than just a work opportunity.

It re-awakens the dignity that comes with work and the ability to contribute to household income.

It helps with acquiring skills and re-entering the job market, in some cases.

It provides an opportunity to access education and it provides hope for a better future.

Allow me to acknowledge the hard work of the organisers of this event.

I hope that these awards will encourage and motivate us all to redouble our efforts in taking the EPWP to new heights of achievement in the years ahead.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Award winners.

Thank you!