



**Welcome Address by Chairperson of the Governance  
and Human Resource Committee, Cllr Barbara Fortein  
on the Occasion of the Councillors Computer Training  
Programme**

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Luthuli Hall – Durban City Hall**

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- Programme Director,
- Members of the eThekweni Executive Committee,
- Fellow Councillors,
- Distinguished guests and dignitaries,
- Ladies and gentlemen,
- All protocol observed,

## **Good morning fellow Councillors!**

On behalf of Speaker Cllr William Mapena, I would like to welcome you to the Councillor's Computer Training Programme.

Before I begin my address I wish to commend all Councillors for their high attendance at the five-day South African Local Government Association Councillor Induction Programme. Once we have completed the training programmes, we must hit the ground running and serve our communities.

I am confident that last week's programme has prepared us to work efficiently and diligently during our five-year tenures.

Ladies and gentlemen, this week's training will equip us with computer skills so that we are able to use our emails and the internet to fulfil our duties.

We live in a technology driven world. The communities that we serve are centred around technical gadgets. For efficient service delivery, we must be ahead at all times. Therefore, this training is essential for us to be part of the global digital community.

Very soon, our Municipality will roll-out a WIFI programme in major townships, rural areas and areas around universities or where there is a high concentration of students. With programmes like these, we must be techno savvy Councillors.

In closing, I would like to remind Councillors that we must remain strongly committed to the principles of accountability, transparency, anti-corruption and good governance.

As Councillors, we must always remember that we are the foot soldiers of government and the backbone of service delivery!

Once again, welcome to the Councillors Computer Training Programme. I am confident that this programme will be fruitful and will assist in serving our communities better!

**Thank you!**