

Notes for Deputy Mayor at Mrs Universe 2017

Programme,

Sanibonani and Good evening,

Welcome to Mrs Universe 2017, the city of Durban – the most caring city in Africa - is proud of clinching the rights to host the 40th Annual Mrs Universe Pageant! This event will set to bring more than 80 countries competing for the Mrs Universe crown.

Mrs Universe recognises the individual efforts made by each married contestant in her own country to uplift and empower women. Toning we will be crowning women who are doing phenomenal work to uplift and enhance their local communities through CSI initiatives, business development and global trade opportunities.

We also would like to appreciate the community outreach projects that were hosted by Mrs Universe ahead of tonight's function.

As women we must continue to hold each other's hands and celebrate our success. The African Union has declared this decade as a women decade and we want to see more women rising to occupy seats of power be it in business, politics and academia. We are proud of being led by a Woman Mayor – Cllr Zandile Gumede and also by having a deputy mayor who happens to be a woman. This is a start of bigger things and we hope to have a South African woman president.

We are happy and excited tonight, without further adjure – welcome to Durban.

I thank you.