



Welcome Address by Cllr Ntando Khuzwayo at Govan Mbeki Awards

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- Programme Director, Ncumisa Mafunda and Kiru Naidoo
- MEC of Human Settlement and Public Works –Mr Ravi Pillay,
- HOD – Ms Apelgren,
- Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee – Hon Important Mkhize,
- Mayors present,
- Members of Parliament,
- Councillors,
- Government officials,
- Business representatives,
- Honoured Guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- Sanibonani,

Thank you for inviting us to grace this wonderful occasion of Govan Mbeki awards. On this occasion, we would like to pay tribute to the late Secretary General of the ANCYL and slain councillor of Umzimkulu Municipality – Cde Sindiso Magaqa. May his soul rest in peace and his family find comfort in his good deeds. Hamba kahle Qabane.

We really appreciate this invite and we hope that we will scoop another award tonight.

The Municipality constructed 5003 new houses and 35 family units in the last year. We have always been proud and humble by our record of service delivery.

While the Municipality has a proud record in delivering housing opportunity, much is still to be done to address the current backlogs.

Once again, eThekweni Municipality was a winner at the annual Govan Mbeki awards. The City was credited with the best Community Residential units, for the recently built family units in the Glebelands precinct. We remain concerned about the situation in Glebleands hostel and we hoping for a solution for the killings. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

Since the advent of democracy the ANC led eThekweni Municipality has delivered more than 180 000 housing opportunities. We have built 2,250 Family Units in Community Residential Units. We converted six hostels into family units.

Under this ANC led council we have facilitated 2,700 rental units through social housing institutions, and 2,106 affordable housing units (Gap housing) for those earning between R3 500 and R15 000 per month.

Programme Director,

As we are here at this prestigious evening of Govan Mbeki Awards that seeks to promote and reinforce a culture of excellence within the

housing sector in the delivery of integrated human settlements and restoration of dignity for all. The awards are also intended to encourage all stakeholders in the sector to respond systematically and foster a culture of producing quality housing and service delivery.

We would like to appreciate and thank all the Human Settlements stakeholders who are making a valuable contribution to help government realize the goal of providing decent housing, security of tenure and comfortable living to all South Africans.

Tonight we have witnessed the fruit of all the labour that goes into ensuring the provision of decent human settlements for our citizenry. Our gratitude and appreciation is also due to all provincial departments and Municipalities involved in the delivery of housing and related services. In our province MEC Ravi Pillay and his team are to be thanked for their contribution.

In addition I record our appreciation to:

- Social Housing Regulatory Authority
- National Urban Reconstruction Housing Agency
- National Housing Finance Cooperation
- National Home Builders Registration Council
- Rural Housing Loan Fund
- Housing Development Agency
- Community Scheme Ombud Service
- Estate Agency Affairs Board
- Housing Development Agency
- Human Settlement Portfolio Committee
- Human Settlement Select Committee

In conclusion, we must also thank the African National Congress government for implementing the freedom charter. We are the only government in the world that is giving free housing to its people. ANC is

indeed changing lives, ibuyisa isithunzi sabantu.

Thank you to every one of you, ladies and gentlemen, for being present here this evening.

Thank you!