

CLLR RAMBUDA S. ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AS MAYOR OF MUTALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ON 03 JULY 2014

Madam Speaker

Fellow Councilors

Vho Thovhele vha re fhanu

Officials of the municipality

Distinguished guests present

Members of the public

Madam Speaker

I am deeply humbled in accepting this responsibility of becoming mayor of Mutale Municipality. Accepting this leadership responsibility as a woman reflects the confidence in woman that the ANC, as a majority party in government continues to have in women leadership.

Madam Speaker

I accept this responsibility of holding the baton, receiving it from an able hand, an able woman who has been steering the municipality until today. Thank you former Mayor, you have made

it possible for me as a woman to have the courage to take over this challenging task of leading Mutale Municipality to a successful, economic and sustainable developmental path.

Madam Speaker and fellow Councilors, indeed there are service delivery challenges laying ahead of us as the leadership collective to be overcome. Comrade Nelson Mandela, our very first democratic state president, encouraging all of us regarding governance challenges had this to say: **“before us as leaders stand a mountain high to be overcome, and upon conquering it ahead of us stood many higher mountain tops to be defeated. You can see that there is no easy road to freedom and many of us will have to pass through the valley of shadows of death again and again before we reach the mountain tops of our desires.”**

I am comforted and strengthened by the realization that I will be leading a collective of leaders committed to working together and striving towards making the lives of our people better.

Madam Speaker

Taking this responsibility in the year of the 5th democratic administration of celebrating twenty years of democracy is indeed encouraging.

As the Municipality of Mutale plans are already in place, which

have just started on the 1st July. This makes me, together with fellow councilors having the responsibility of monitoring, supervising as well as of evaluation of the implementation of our service delivery plans.

Madam Speaker

I appeal to fellow colleagues to waste neither effort nor time in working together as a team by rolling up our sleeves and making our hands dirty as, together with our people and communities drive our development agenda.

My policy, like those of my colleagues will be an open door one which I will listen to all of our people and stakeholders who stand to benefit and are willing to contribute to development. I will ensure that we continue to strengthen our relationships with traditional leaders. Advices, inputs and support that will take our vision of “sustainable, economic growth and equitable service delivery” to a higher level will be highly appreciated as it will be translating our slogan of “the people shall govern” into a reality.

Madam Speaker

Allow me to present the Executive Committee:

1. Cllr Lieba N.A.: Finance
2. Cllr Netshisaulu G.: Technical Services

3. Cllr Raluswinga T.: Corporate Services

As I conclude my acceptance speech, our success as Mutale Municipality will not depend on whether we have good plans, not that forward planning is not key to meeting our set targets and goals, but will mainly be on whether we have the courage and commitment to realize them. I accept this honour on the strength of our leadership collective as I strongly believe that “Together we can make Mutale Municipality worthy of its developmental potential.

I accept this honour on behalf of strong and courageous brave women of this municipality, the region and the country. My success and challenges will also be yours.

Malibongwe!!

Ndi a livhuha

Aa!!