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Sedibeng District Municipality reports back to its communities through the State of the District Address (SoDA) 2011

It is that time of the year when the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng, presents the Integrated Development Plan and the Budget for the financial year ahead. This time the report will be a historic one, in that, it will be a platform to report on the municipality's five year tenure since 2006.

The State of the District Address 2011 will be viewed by the people of Sedibeng through satellite broadcast throughout the District. Four (4) satellite viewing sites which include Rivers of Living Waters Church in Evaton, Sicelo Multipurpose Centre in Midvaal, Bophelong Community Hall in Emfuleni, Ratanda Community Hall in Lesedi with the main event being at the Vereeniging Civic Theatre.

The Sedibeng State of the District Address (SoDA) 2011 is scheduled for **Wednesday, 20th April 2011, from 14h00 at all the satellite sites with the main event taking place at the Vereeniging Civic Theatre.**

This year's SoDA is preceded by the build-up programmes at which the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng, will be officially handing over the Phelindaba Memorial Precinct to the Emfuleni Local Municipality; launching the Constitutional Walk at the Sharpeville Monument; launching the Exhibition Centre & the newly built Sharpeville Hall; officially opening roads in Lesedi Local Municipality and the later distributing school uniforms to identified needy schools in Midvaal.

The State of the District Address must also be seen in its context of a continuation of the Sedibeng District Municipality's commitment to account to its communities on its achievements, with specific focus on service delivery including challenges experienced during the period under review and it is also used as a vehicle to chart the road map for the coming financial year.

The SoDA 2011 is unique in nature, given its content as it comes at the tail-end of the 5 year of the current political mandate following the 2006 Local Government Elections. The people of Sedibeng would be happy to know that this year's State of the District Address stands-out



amongst others because of the fact that it takes place in the background of important landmarks in the political history of our country.

These landmarks are this year's commemoration of the 51st Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre; the 21st Anniversary of the release of President Nelson Mandela from prison and the 20th Anniversary of the Sebokeng Massacre.

Our theme, **“Working With Our Communities For A Better Life”** should be understood in the context of our continued commitment in ensuring implementation of our objective as outlined in the ruling party's elections manifesto. This means that it has always been and it is still our commitment to continue working with our people on visible and tangible programmes which will bring changes to improve the lives of ordinary people and communities in our District Municipality, said the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng

“This can be seen through various communities, precinct development projects and the 100 Days Service Delivery Projects we announced in March 2010 and the positive progress report that we presented during the 51st Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre on the 21st March 2011”, added the Executive Mayor.

Transport to the satellite venues as outlined above will be available to ensure that people attend this important State of the District Address. For more information in this regard, people are advised to please contact their Ward Councillors and Community Development Workers.

Watch the SODA at home on your DStv Decoder (Channel 901) for FREE by sending an SMS with the following information: Account holders name & Contact number, Smart card number Decoder serial number to 071 554 7405 or by calling 016 450 3009 - *Contact: Sarwarie Jhetam*

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