

SEDIBENG
celebrates

WOMEN'S MONTH 2009

Boleng Ba Mosadi



**THE SPEAKER OF
SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
CLR KEDIBONE MOGOTSI**

The year 2009, marks the seventh anniversary of the women month celebrations. 2009 is special in many aspects, since it will be the first time that municipalities in Sedibeng manage the programme without Lesedi fm. It is also the first time the programme could reach proportional heights and introduce sustainable programmes. More and more stakeholders and role players are part of the programme. We realize how

many stakeholders are prepared to sponsor either the programme or some of the events. We realize that excitement and lots of enthusiasm has been generated in the district and we have interacted with potential sponsors and sponsors in kind. At the helm of this programme are the Speakers of all municipalities in Sedibeng.

Commemorate, Celebrate and Champion Boleng ba Mosadi; summarize the programme for the month. We acknowledge the heritage of women, as it was women who despite them taking care of their households, the very same women demonstrated finesse in the manner which they approached the liberation struggle. The phrase 'wathint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo' has come to represent women's courage and strength and clearly nullify that 'a women's place is in the kitchen', declaring it instead to be everywhere'. This seen the start of a process of women organizing themselves for a common goal. Issues that concerned women in the 1950s can be described as 'bread and butter' matters, such as housing, food prices, and permits. In modern day South Africa, women are faced with a wide

range of issues such as domestic violence, child abuse, HIV/AIDS, unemployment, gender discrimination as well as poverty. Not only does the programme for 2009 concentrate on commemorating and celebrating, but that it is the start of championing the cause of women. Exciting programmes will be launched this year that are sustainable in nature such as the launch of the women mentorship programme. The necessary institutional arrangements will be put in place such as the women forum, the interfaith based forum. Furthermore this month will see councils adopting the gender mainstreaming strategy as well as a gender policy.

On behalf of the Speakers in Sedibeng namely Cllrs Greta Hlongwane, Ron Smith and Maria Phala; thank you to all the sponsors, partners and participants in the programme. A special word of thanks to the Mayors in the district who supported the programme with the necessary resources and last, but not least the officials from the municipalities in the district for their commitment and dedication in making this year a special women's month programme.



WOMEN'S MONTH 2009



Month long PROGRAMME

5 Aug 2009

WOMEN'S COUNCIL SITTING

This is a platform for Women in Government, Women Councillors and women from organised structures of Sedibeng. The purpose of this Special Council is to afford this women an opportunity to share their experiences and celebrate their success from the days of the struggle of emancipation.

During this council sitting, women from Sedibeng to debate the draft gender policy, gender mainstreaming strategy, IDP and budget based on women empowerment and gender transformation.

Venue: Sedibeng Council Chamber

Time: 09h00

For further information contact:

Thomas Maleka on 016 450 3177 or 0798714497

9 Aug 2009

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

Government calls on all South Africans to acknowledge the heroic struggles and sacrifices of women who struggled for democracy, socio-economic progress, equality and opportunities for all to commemorate and celebrate August, 09.

We urge you to support the national commemoration. Transport will be available at the usual pick up points

Venue: Tshwane

Time: 08h00

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10 – 14 Aug 2009

EMPOWERMENT INFORMATION ROAD SHOWS

This will create an opportunity for women to access information that will enhance their health as well as socio economic status.

information Road Show will also inform women on how to register their own business and learn the necessary skills required to run a successful business.

Below are the areas where the exhibitions will take place.

10 August - DEVON - HEIDELBERG

11 August - SICELO STADIUM - MIDVAAL

**12 August - SAUL TSOTETSI SPORTS CENTRE
EMFULENI**

13 August - BOPHELONG DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

14 August - SAUL TSOTETSI SPORTS COMPLEX

Time: 08h00

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13 Aug 2009

WOMEN IN PRAYER

Sedibeng in partnership with SACC Women sector will be hosting the 2nd annual women in prayer day. the prayer is aimed at bringing women from all denominations to come together to worship and pray against the hardships of life it is said in Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. . The session will be spiced up by gospel singers from Sedibeng and National.

The following artists will be performing:

Simon, Tommy Ruele (Ex Joyous Celebration Artists from Sedibeng)

Kgotso Makgalema (I want to sing gospel finalist - SABC 2 from Sedibeng), Lebo (Muvhango actress - Lebo: waitress at Etwatwa Restaurant)

Venue: Mphatlalatsane Theatre

Time: 09h00

For further information contact:

Eva Baartman on 016 950 5452 or 0828294189

20 Aug 2009

MEMORIAL LECTURE

The objective of this memorial lecture is to pay tribute the heroic struggles waged by the women of South Africa and to rededicate the nation to the advancement of the goals and aspirations for the women who took part in the struggle.

Venue: Rhoda Yende - Sharpeville

For further information contact:

Jeff Rademeyer on 016 450 3179 on 0829052495

21 Aug 2009

WOMEN CONFERENCE

While this is a women conference, the presence of men is to enhance the discussions on women issues to inculcate a paradigm shift regarding stereotypes that are existing in society and the role men can play in enhancing women emancipation. Conference topics: Opportunities for women across Gauteng and the suitability of government policies and business practices that best promote female employment and the development of female leaders:

- Enhancing female representation at all levels of the institution
- Remove barriers to female employment,
- Retain and develop female talent
- Release women's potential in business, political and leadership development
- Social and economic empowerment of women in the informal economy (2nd economy)
- Sustainable programmes and availability of funds that will ensure implementation of these programmes

Speakers and presenters at the conference are drawn from women in the community, private sector/business, the public sector as well as the tertiary sector.

Venue: Emerald Casino

Time: 08h00

For further information contact:

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21 Aug 2009

NETWORKING AND RECOGNITION GALA DINNER

Networking and Recognition Gala Dinner Sedibeng Women Councillors and Staff Members will rub shoulders with their own Sedibeng Ambassadors (celebrities). The aim is to share their experience and successes, also to motivate. The dinner will also recognize local achieves for outstanding work they have performed. Launch a women mentorship programme including the identification of mentors. The event details include networking being the basis of creating a social platform for engagement. Programme Director: Penny Lebyane (Metro FM), Motivator: Sophie Ndaba (Generation Actress: Queen Moroka), The Jazile Brothers (Performance), Tsoana Nhlapo (Poetry from Sedibeng - Ziyawa la Presenter on SABC1), Hloni (Performance from Sedibeng)

Venue: Emerald Casino

Time: 18h00

This is a closed invitation event. Seats are limited.

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28 Aug 2009

WOMEN IN SPORTS

This is the 3rd Annual Women in Sports Event, celebrated jointly with local municipalities. The event will include Women Councillors and Employees. It will be used as a build up activity for OR Tambo Games to be hosted by the Municipality in October 2009. It will emerge with winners on each sporting codes. There will be a draw for soccer, netball and volley ball, few weeks before the event. Well known women sports stars will be invited to grace the event. It will be those who have played or are still playing for Banyana Banyana, those who excel in netball and other sporting codes.

Sporting codes include: Soccer, Netball, Juvenile, Kgathi, 5 km Marathon, 5 km Fun Walk, Aerobics, Marathon, Diketo, Morabaraba, Volleyball, Ncube, etc

Venue:

Ratanda Multipurpose Centre in Ratanda, Heidelberg

Time: 08h00

For further information contact:

Bonani Mafa on 016 450 3380

29 Aug 2009

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Opportunity for Sedibeng women to interact with one another. Women will be treated with performances, beauty treatments, massages, freebies and lots of entertainment. There will be exhibitions from hair care to health care. Come and engage with "ngwana ya hodisitsweng hantle" Nonn Botha live Kayafm DJ and FEEL Theo Kgosinkwe closer featuring William Sejake and Sello Maletle.

Seats are highly limited, keep your eye and ear on your local media to book your space.

Venue: Vaal Teknorama

Time: 08h00

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