

**COLLINS CHABANE
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Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Her Worship, Cllr Bila Tintswalo Joyce, during the event of Municipal Finance Management Act, Section 32 and Circular Workshop which was held at the DCO Boardroom at Collins Chabane Municipality on the 5th of June 2018 from 09h00.

The Honourable Speaker of the Council, Cllr Lebea Madume Elvis;

Chief Whip of Council, Cllr Chauke Miyelani Gladstone;

All Councillors here present;

Members of the Executive Committee;

Members of the Whippers;

MPAC and Section 79 Chairpersons;

Council Committees;

Municipal Manager;

Senior Management Team; and

All organisers of this Workshop.

Greetings to all of you.

It is with great honour and humility for me to be given this opportunity to welcome you to this strategic gathering of the Municipal Finance Management Act Workshop.

This important workshop is indeed necessary and an empowering initiative. It is also made special by the fact that it is organised exactly 5 days since the adoption of the Municipal Budget and IDP for the 2018/2019 financial year by Council on the 31st of May 2018.

As servants of the people who are entrusted with the mandate to run the day-to-day affairs of the people in our area – the mandate to take care of the public purse – the importance of such initiative cannot be over-emphasized. It seeks to position our institution on a high moral compass.

Fellow councillors,

This is the moment where we must all learn to assist and complement one another to function effectively. It is an opportunity for all of us to gather as much information as we can, and pledge our support to one another wherever necessary, so that we can all start doing our work effectively.

My expectations of this workshop is to help build ethical leadership that is directed by respect for ethical beliefs and values, and for the dignity and rights of others.

In order to do so, we need to uphold concepts such as trust, honesty, consideration, charisma and fairness – and all other concepts included in chapter 10 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 1996.

Section 195 of the supreme law of the country clearly demands from us that:

- A high standard of professional ethics must be promoted and maintained;

- Efficient, economic and effective use of resources must be promoted;
- Public administration must be development-oriented;
- Services must be provided impartially, fairly, equitably and without bias;
- People's needs must be responded to, and the public must be encouraged to participate in policy-making;
- Public administration must be accountable;
- Transparency must be fostered by providing the public with timely, accessible and accurate information;
- Good human-resource management and career-development practices, to maximise human potential, must be cultivated; and
- Public administration must be broadly representative of the South African people, with employment and personnel management practices based on ability, objectivity, fairness, and the need to redress the imbalances of the past to achieve broad representation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our adherence to these attributes will ensure that we are correctly positioned and acclimatized with our responsibilities as true and trustworthy elected and appointed public servants. We must always remember that our people have put us in power so that we can take them out of the poverty trap by delivering services in a sustainable manner.

I am sure that I am speaking on behalf of all Councillors when I say the popular mandate of the electorate will never be taken for granted. In fact, I must remind my colleagues that upon your shoulders rest the aspirations of the people of Collins Chabane who are pinning their hopes on you to change their lives for the better.

Our knowledge of policies – particularly the MFMA related policies - will help us provide effective and efficient service delivery without

contravening and inconveniencing the system, and dipping our feet where we are not supposed to.

Fellow Councillors,

I have noted that this Induction takes place in the context of the youth month, and the youth of South Africa continue to play a critical role in the process of reconstruction and development of our country. This means that the struggles of the 1976 generation will never be in vain.

As we are aware that today's program will mainly deal with the topic of Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure, as well as the Management of Supply Chain, on Enhancing Compliance and Accountability – we must concentrate on the kinds of values and morals we set for ourselves as individuals and the institution at large.

Accordingly, this foot path we are about to embark on, must lead us to capacitate ourselves as leaders – into becoming vehicles for the rolling out of education in support of the institutionalisation of integrity within our municipality. There is no reason to falter and look back from here hence forth.

Program Director,

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who was responsible for organising this workshop, as well as all of you who took effort in attending the workshop. I believe we will emerge from this session with renewed feelings and knowledge.

I invite you all to utilize this opportunity fruitfully and effectively. Please ensure that there is maximum participation right through. You are all welcome.

I now declare this workshop officially opened!

I thank you.