

Closing remarks by the Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Her Worship, Cllr Bila Tintswalo Joyce, during the MFMA Section 32 and Circular Workshop held at the DCO Boardroom on the 5th of June 2018 at 09h00.

Greetings once more.

As we come to the conclusion of this insightful Workshop, we need to appreciate the foundation that was laid by the facilitator, Mr Mankabide and all organisers of this session, in the execution of their duties which culminated in the success of this MFMA Section 32 and Circular Workshop.

They left a legacy that could only be defined as a splendid opportunity for this leadership of Collins Chabane Municipality as we use it to execute a great leap forward.

Much as we appreciate the foundation laid and job well done, we are collectively left with the responsibility to take the baton and apply self-discipline as we ascertain ourselves on the mandate given and lessons learned for the benefit of the people we serve.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our interest therefore, is that this Workshop which stressed the importance of compliance in the smooth running of the municipality, will assist all of us to synergise our planning and to foster good governance and good finance management to achieve better results in line with the ANC's 2016 Manifesto.

Indeed, a municipal entity is not administered on common sense, but we subscribe to a set legislations and policies that are put in place by government, to regulate public servant's conduct as well as consequences for non-compliers. Today's session was insightful and I trust that we will all heat the ground running in ensuring that public funds are appropriately fared.

We need to push good values of the organisation to our employees as well as to all councillors who were not part of this

session here today. We need to introduce a change that is founded on good principles and culture. We have to excel in what we do, but most importantly, we must jointly guard against the Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure (UIF & W), because this has a potential to collapse the municipality.

This monster called UIF & W also undermines the efforts to brand South Africa as a truly democratic country.

Programme Director,

Vision 2030, as the preamble to South Africa's National Development Plan (NDP) paints a picture of a flourishing South Africa, where citizens live and work together in harmony for the common good, where leaders in various sectors lead with humanity and integrity, where we are truly one nation, one community, united in our diversity and celebrating the richness of our heritage.

This simply implies that there should be no misgiving on the public perception of their elected leaders. It also means that we should at all times be well-informed as public representatives. I say this because Section 51 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, provides for developmental local government to make provision for a democratic and accountable government for communities.

Thank you to all for your maximised participation which I believe constituted the success of this session.

I thank you!