



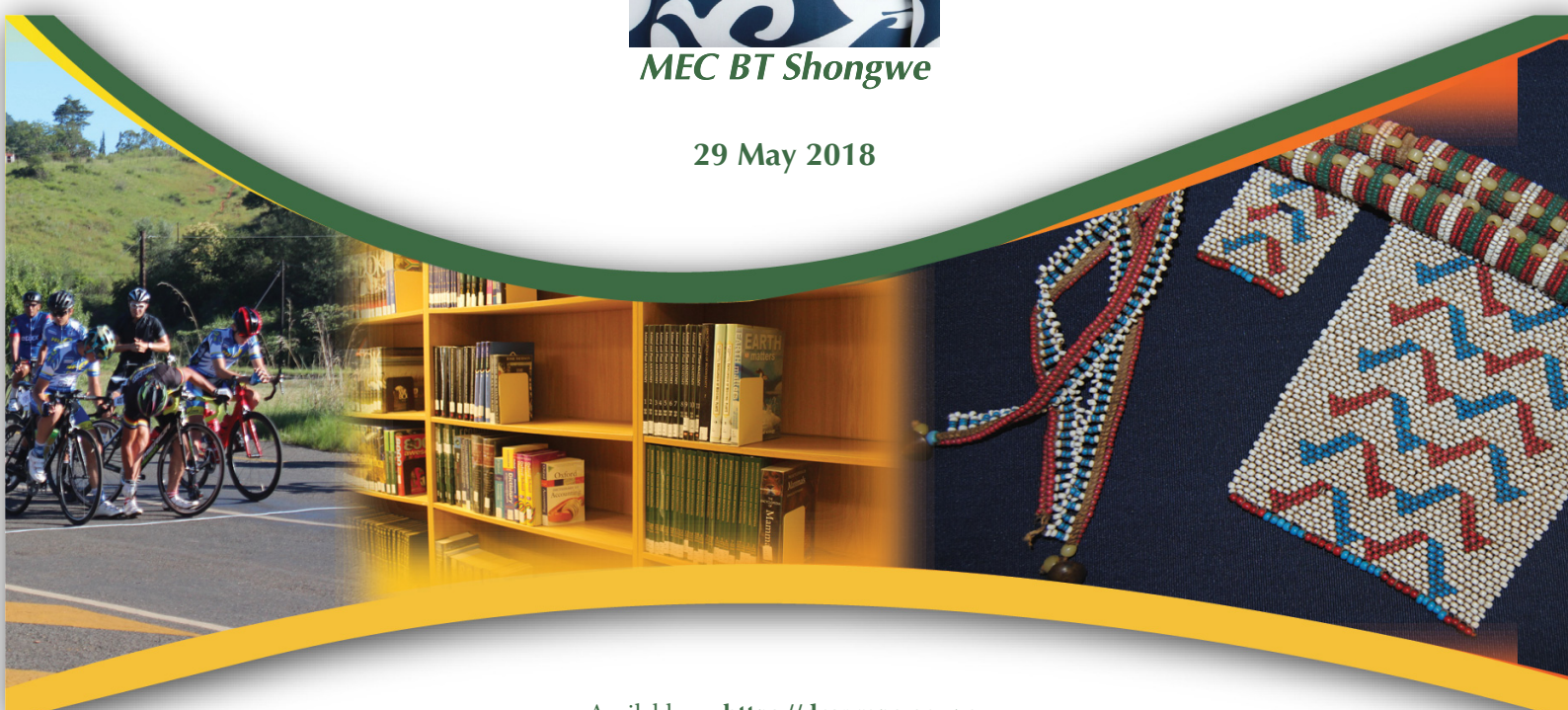
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Madam Speaker and Deputy Speaker

Honourable Premier and Members of the Executive Council

Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature

Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders and other Traditional Leaders

Acting ANC Chairperson Mandla Ndlovu

Acting ANC Provincial Secretary, Ms Lindiwe Ntshalintshali

MMCs for Culture, Sport and Recreation from District and Local Municipalities

Director General and Heads of Departments

Leadership of Cultural & Creative Industry Federation of South Africa

Leadership of Sport Federations

Leadership of Multi Religious Formations

Traditional Healers

Representatives of the Creative Workers Union of South Africa

Comrades and friends

Members of the media

Invited guests

1. Honourable Speaker having honoured the contribution of the stalwart in our liberation struggle Oliver Reginald Tambo in 2017 the ANC led Government has once more declared the year 2018 as the year of Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu.
2. The life and history of these two struggle icons cannot be separated from the contribution towards the attainment of freedom and democracy in South Africa.

3. I feel honoured, today to tap into the wisdom of Nelson Mandela as a visionary leader in one of his famous quotations that is always relevant regardless of the number of times you might have heard it and I quote; **“Sports have the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sports can create hope, where there was once only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination. Sports is the game of lovers”** This quote therefore remains relevant at all times.
4. As the Department we are mandated in terms of outcome 14 of the National Development Plan to drive social cohesion and nation building.
5. Madam Speaker, during the State of the Province Address by, the former Premier of Mpumalanga Province, Hon. DD Mabuza declared that the Province will, amongst other activities be renaming the Riverside government complex and unveiling a statue of Nelson Mandela at the Riverside government complex later in the year as part of the Centenary Celebrations of the icon.
6. Honourable Speaker we would like to report that all the activities of the Mandela Centenary Celebrations are work in progress and on the heritage month of 2018 we will be unveiling a 6 meter bronze statue of our Icon at the Riverside Government.
7. In addition monthly activities of the current year have been aligned to the *theme* of Tata Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu.
8. The Women’s Month will be dedicated to celebrate the Centenary of Mama Albertina Sisulu.
9. Madam Speaker, this year on the 2nd of April 2018, South Africa as a country lost an icon Mama Winnie Madikize-Mandela, the Mother of the Nation, who contributed immensely in the liberation struggle of the people of South Africa. May her Soul Rest in Peace. Mama Winnie did not die, but she multiplied.
10. Equally, Mpumalanga lost Gogo Minah Tsabetse mother to the late Ray Phiri who passed away on the 12th of May 2018 at the age of 114 years. She is survived by a brother who is 122 years old.

11. Madam Speaker, as a Province, Country, Africa and the World in general we are recovering from the loss of our iconic photojournalist uBaba Sam Nzima who was buried last Saturday, the 26th May 2018 in a Special Provincial Official Funeral, as declared by the Sate President His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa. The picture of Hector Peterson that was taken by Sam Nzima in 1976 liberated us from the apartheid regime.
12. As we approach the 42nd Anniversary Commemoration of June 16, 1976 **SOWETO STUDENT UPRISINGS**, we call upon the youth to be inspired and to emulate Mr Sam Nzima's career path of photojournalism to enhance and strengthen our democracy by creating job opportunities for themselves to address poverty and the high unemployment rate.
13. Future plans to honour Mr Sam Nzima are underway and these will be announced, once all processes have been finalized by the Executive Council regarding the museum and Cultural centre.
14. Madam Speaker, I will be failing in my duty if I do not express my profound appreciation to Gogo (Dr) ESTHER MAHLANGU who was honoured on the 10th of April 2018, by the University of Johannesburg in recognition of the contribution she has made to preserve the legacy of the Ndebele people and to educate both young and old respectively on the importance of preserving culture. She continues to shine our Province and the country globally.
15. I am happy to announce that a team consisting of both Provincial and National Department of Arts and Culture has been established with a mandate to find ways for restoring her legacy. As we are a diverse Province, we call upon other custodians of cultural groupings to emulate Gogo Mahlangu in terms of showcasing their culture.
16. Madam Speaker the young maidens are also following in the footsteps of their elders in the Province of the rising sun.
17. It is with tremendous joy to inform this august House that in 2017/18 Financial Year we witnessed the domination of Mpumalanga in the field of Culture at national platforms with Audrey Skhosana from Thembisile Hani Local Municipality having been crowned Miss Indoni. She took over from Thembelihle Mpofu from Nkomazi Local Municipality who won the title in 2016/17. It is encouraging to see young maidens embracing culture.

18. Madam Speaker last year the 12th Annual SATMAs took place at Mmabatho Convention Centre on the 30th September 2017, and once more the province scooped prestigious awards. The Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation was awarded the best Department of Arts & Culture in the Country whilst Ligwalagwala FM was awarded Traditional Music Air-play Radio Station of the year.

Cultural Affairs

19. The Mpumalanga Cultural Xperience 2nd edition was hosted with great success after its reconfiguration to add more pillars over and above music festival, Carnival, Traditional Festival, (MRM) Prayer, Gospel Xperience, and Sunday Soul Session were added. An Orchestra that featured a group from Russia as part of South Africa season was featured as a build-up event to the main festival.

20. Activities were channelled towards the revitalisation of the township economy under a theme "**Kasi experience**". We really appreciated the partnership from various stakeholders and the business sector who contributed to make this event a success.

21. Madam Speaker, the 3rd edition of 2018/19 financial year will even be bigger, better. It is planned to be an exciting weekend for people to tap into the rich history of our culture.

22. As a Department we have been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating National Commemorative Days in the Province.

23. We have set aside an amount of **FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND RANDS (R4 540 000)** to sustain Cultural Institutions which enable us to implement programmes on artist development, talent search, skills empowerment and creating Social Cohesion among others.

24. We have identified **ELEVEN (11)** community cultural structures that we will support in 2018/19 financial year and these are; the Innibos Arts Festival, Cultural and Creative Industry Federation of South Africa (CCIFSA), Izithethe Arts Institute, SA National Community Theatre Association, Casterbridge Music Development Academy, Big Fish Arts, Moral Regeneration Movement, Forgotten Angle Theatre Collaboration,

South African Community Theatre Association, Melokuhle Entertainment and Events and Mpumalanga Choral Music Association.

25. The Department has allocated an amount of **SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (R650 000)** to projects that promote Culture and Heritage. These includes the following; Miss Cultural Indoni, Umkhosi Womhlanga, King Silamba-Komjekejeke Annual Event and King Ndzundza Mabhoko-Erholweni Annual Event.
26. To eradicate poverty we have identified the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) as a tool to afford our people an opportunity to access temporary jobs.
27. In this regard, the Department created **250 job opportunities** in the province where our people more especially the youth were targeted.
28. In the previous year, the Department exceeded its planned target to support cooperatives due to partnerships that were forged with other stakeholders and 55 cooperatives benefitted. These cooperatives are supported annually to promote heritage and culture as part of investing in the cultural and creative industries of Mpumalanga. In 2018/19 financial year **ONE MILLION RAND (R 1 000 000)** has been allocated for this purpose.
29. Due to competing needs and budgetary constraints the Department is gradually implementing the Mpumalanga Language Act of 2014. We acknowledge that more is still to be done.
30. In 2017/18 Financial Year, we promoted multilingualism and linguistic diversity through provision of financial support to four (4) Language structures which will increase to 8 in the current financial year as stated below; Silulu SeSiswati Dictionary Unit, IsiHlathululi Mezwi SesiNdebele, Isiyalu Writers Association, Umgogodla Wesive Writers Association, Regola mmogo Writers Association, Usiba Writers Association, Xitsonga Writers Association, Mapulaneng Writers Association and Mpumalanga Provincial Language Committee.
31. Madam Speaker, the Department, as the custodian of heritage resources of the Mpumalanga Province continues to advocate for the proper management, protection and conservation of heritage resources of the province as stipulated in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999.

- 32.** To this effect, the Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority (MHRA) and the Mpumalanga Provincial Geographic Names Committee (MPGNC) will continue to do workshops and seminars around the province, especially with Municipalities on the management of heritage including the transformation of the heritage landscape through naming and renaming of the Province's geographic features.
- 33.** **SIX (6)** Provincial Geographic Names were submitted to the South African Geographic Names Council for consideration.
- 34.** Madam Speaker, we will continue to rope in private sector investment through Public Private Partnership for some of our anchor projects so that we can fast track service delivery to our people.
- 35.** Madam Speaker, South Africa is one of 20 Countries and the only African country to belong to the World Gold Panning Association. Gold Panning as a heritage activity to promote national and international co-operation between gold panning enthusiasts and it fosters a strong sense of Patriotism, Nation Building and Social Cohesion. It further maintains and restores the heritage tradition of gold panning among South Africans of all races, gender and age.
- 36.** Annually the South African Gold Panning Association (SAGPA) in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation supports Team South Africa to participate in the World Championships. Last year Team South Africa participated in Moffat Scotland. We congratulate the men and women who participated with pride and brought silverware into our shores.
- 37.** This year the team will represent us at the World Championships in Hondrusa Hamre, Slovakia in August.
- 38.** Over the past few years, the Department has joined the MTPA in marketing our heritage sites at the annual African Tourism Indaba in Durban. The province has realised that the Promotion of Culture and Heritage is intertwined. There will be no tourism if there is no Culture and Heritage.
- 39.** Our museums are widely visited by tourists and scholars. Visitors need to experience

our culture and heritage.

40. The department supported the Govan Mbeki Municipality with the maintenance of the Nomoya Masilela museum. We will also assist the Mashishing Museum with digitizing equipment so that their collection may be well preserved.
41. I am pleased to announce that there will be significant maintenance work done at the Belhaven House museum at Barberton. We also plan to extend our scope to other museums.
42. Madam Speaker, we are pleased to have restored tombstones on the graves of the victims of the Lowveld Massacre in both the old Kanyamazane Cemetery and Kabokweni as part of the National programme on the Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route.
43. The department will continue to commemorate both the Waterval Boven train disaster and the Samora Machel Plane disaster at Mbuzini respectively.

Library and Archives

44. In partnership with its implementing agent the Department of Public, Works, Roads and Transport we are making positive inroads towards the delivery of much needed services usage of Infrastructure Development Management System.
45. We have therefore managed to build state of the art well equipped libraries to communities in Zithabiseni, Verena, and Balfour.
46. We will hand over the following libraries in the 2018/19 Financial year; Kanyamazane, Thubelihle, MP Stream and Masobye Libraries. These libraries will go a long way in positively shaping the minds of young people in those areas as they offer progressive titles that will stimulate their thinking.
47. We do acknowledge that there is still a backlog of libraries in some areas especially the far flung rural areas and as such, the Department has three mobile libraries available in the Province which are used for the access of library services in those areas where there are no Library Infrastructures.

48. Madam Speaker in 2018/19 Financial Year, the Department will be building three new libraries at Newtown in Emalahleni Municipality, Sakhile in Lekwa Municipality and Thulamahashe in Bushbuckridge Municipality.
49. Libraries are developmental Centres which seek to give new opportunities to our communities and in this regard, we urge our people to look well after them so that they can preserve them for future generations.
50. In ensuring that our people get quality services in our Public Libraries, the Department managed to provide maintenance to the following seven Libraries in the 2017/18 financial year: Khululwazi (Chief Albert Luthuli), Wesselton (Msukaligwa), Ekulindeni (Chief Albert Luthuli), Siyabuswa (Dr JS Moroka), Delmas (Victor Khanye), Botleng (Victor Khanye) and Vukuzakhe (Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme).
51. In 2018/19 Financial Year maintenance will be done on the following libraries, Klarinet Library in Emalahleni Municipality, Ezenzeleni Library in Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality, Rietkuil Library in Steve Tshwete Municipality, Standerton Library in Lekwa Municipality and Middelburg Regional Library in Steve Tshwete Municipality. An amount of **FIFTY THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY NINE THOUSAND RANDB (R53 699 000)** has been allocated for library infrastructure projects.
52. We will also be providing additional **thirty five thousand** books to public libraries across the province, books that will correctly tell the correct history of our country.
53. The library books impacts positively to the National Development Plan outcome **ONE (1)** of ensuring quality of basic education in society and the increased number of users, membership and book circulation demonstrate the appetite for our communities towards reading.
54. Mpumalanga Libraries are gradually moving towards digital age; offering free Internet and WI-FI services, anti-theft systems installed in the public libraries to prevent or deter the unauthorized removal of books from the library and through Mzansi Library Online, a project sponsored by Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation, Libraries are provided with 275 computers, 76 Laptops, 225 Tablets, Games and Data projectors in the 2018/19 financial year specialized computers and other equipment will be increased from 14 to 21.

55. An amount of **TWENTY THREE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND, (R 23, 8 MILLION)** has been set aside to cater for the entire ICT services.
56. Madam Speaker, the implementation of the activities alluded to will go a long way in reducing the level of illiteracy among our people.
57. The Department has a collaborating strategy with the Department of Education to improve literacy levels through the provision of dual-purpose libraries that caters both communities and schools. The strategy amongst others includes the provision of school curriculum book collection, staffing and ICT services.
58. We will continue with the host of annual Archives conference in the province.
59. Madam Speaker, It is our responsibility to encourage researchers, young and old to write about community history and provide them a platform to present and showcase their work.
60. Equally to that we welcome the initiative by National Department of Science and Technology which seeks to protect indigenous knowledge of indigenous communities from unauthorised use, misappropriation and misuse, and to regulate the fair and equitable distribution of benefits from its commercial use through the Bill for the Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge that is currently in parliament for consideration.
61. On the other hand we are rolling out Time Travel oral history projects. In 2017/18 we partnered with Freedom Park in celebration of King Nyabela, King Mampuru, and former president OR Tambo at Kghodwana Cultural Village and Museum. Targeted audience includes learners, traditional leaders and healers, and Departments.

Sport and Recreation

62. Madam Speaker, working together with the Department of Education, we ensured that **11 293 learners** participate in school sport programme at district, provincial and national tournaments combined.
63. Madam Speaker, currently there are only five schools in the province that meet the

criteria namely; Lowveld High, Rob Ferreira High School, Ligbron Technical School, General Hertzog Hoerskool and Lydenburg Hoerskool. One of the recorded success, 16 year old Nolwazi Mashaba from Lowveld High School who obtained a silver medal in triple jump during the National Athletics Championships in Potchestroom. Schools are encouraged to participate in this programme.

64. In addition the new boarding schools or facilities to be built in the Province, should all have sport facilities.
65. Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to announce that a total number of **100 SCHOOLS** will be provided with sport equipment and/or attire as per established norms to enable our children to take part in school sport.
66. The entire budget allocation for the school sport programme is **FOURTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE THOUSANDS (R 14 593 000)**.
67. Madam Speaker, we have budgeted **AN AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND (R 8 735 000)** to increase the number of participants in community sports to one hundred and eighteen thousand (118 000) to promote unity and social cohesion.
68. Included is 108 indigenous clubs, 6 leagues that are supported and activities of the sport council that are rolled out in all municipalities.
69. Sport equipment is given to clubs that are registered with sport federations and participating in leagues.
70. In addition out-door gyms were installed in Kwaggafontein and more will be erected in the current financial year.
71. We will continue to work together with community based structures on the implementation of key events and tournaments and this includes the Loskop Marathon, MP Cycling Tour.
72. Madam Speaker for the first time this year we will also support Selati local sport

tournament. This is a massive local tournament that give access to the upcoming talent within Nkomazi municipality. We envisage that other community structures can also come on board so that it is replicated in other municipalities.

73. Madam Speaker, the Province also participated in a new programme called “The Rural Sport Development Programme” that was launched in recent years. Most disadvantaged communities, particularly in the rural areas and areas under Traditional Leadership still require a structured focused sport development programme.
74. This Financial Year the programme will be expanded to cover the three Regions by adding new Traditional Councils such as Embhuleni and Ebutshini and Ndzundza Mabhoko Traditional Councils.
75. We will work with Municipalities to develop a programme to upgrade and improve sport facilities in a bid to unearth talent in communities utilizing the **Municipal Infrastructure Grant -(MIG) fund**.
76. The Department will also come closer to monitor sport infrastructure projects that are currently under implementation.
77. In addition, monitor new proposed projects in the current year that includes; City of Mbombela Municipality (construction of Masoyi stadium) Thaba Chweu Municipality (upgrading of Mashakeng stadium) Dipaliseng Municipality (upgrading of Siyathemba stadium) Lekwa Municipality (upgrading of Sakhile stadium).
78. These projects will go a long way towards providing space for our people to interact and contribute in promoting social cohesion across society through interaction across race and class.

Governance.

79. We will promote good corporate governance practices and management as well as always giving feedback to our communities. Madam Speaker, it is our intention to create equal opportunities for all in partnership with all stakeholders so that we can gradually move towards realizing the National Development Plan vision 2030 of creating social cohesion and nation building in line with our mandate.

We are putting strong administrative measures in the department to enable line functions to deliver on their mandate and to improve our audit outcomes and we remain committed to root out matters of corruption.

Conclusion

80. In conclusion, we want to take this opportunity and thank all the people of Mpumalanga, South Africa, the entire African continent and the Diaspora for hosting a progressive Africa Day on the 25 May 2018 at Steve Tshwete Municipality.
81. Madam Speaker, we will continue to serve our people with pride working together, we can make Mpumalanga a place that will continue to be in demand and be a home of champions.
82. The ANC-led government is a caring government that our people have confidence in and it will continue changing the lives of the people so that service delivery can be enhanced.
83. I want to take this opportunity and extend words of appreciation to Honourable Premier Mtsweni for her guidance as we implement our mandate, my colleagues in the provincial executive, Madam Speaker of the legislature, the portfolio committee on Education, Culture, Sport and Recreation, under the stewardship of Honourable Thulisile Swenky Khoza that enables us to account properly to this august house.
84. Honourable Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the HOD Mr Godfrey Ntombela and the entire staff compliment of the department for their continued support.
85. I also thank my family for their support as we spend a lot of time moving around the province implementing the work of government away from our loved ones, thank you very much to my family once more. My Spiritual father and my residence Pastor for the continuous prayers they render for me and my family.
86. I would also thank the Speaker and Chief whip for your continuous support.
87. Madam Speaker, I therefore present to the house, Budget Vote 11 of the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation amounting to **R468 461 million** divided according to the following programmes.

Programme 1. Administration	101,351 million
Programme 2. Cultural Affairs	109,397 million
Programme 3. Library and Archives	186,404 million
Programme 4. Sports and Recreation	71,310 million
TOTAL	468,461 million

88. We are conscious about our declining fiscus pressure when we compare with the previous year due to various factors and imbalances in the world economy.

89. We will remain resolute to ensure that we will radically transform the lives of our people and make Mpumalanga a better place to live.

I thank you! Ngiyabonga! Ngiyathokoza! Baie Dankie!

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