

**ADDRESS BY THE ACTING EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF  
VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HER WORSHIP CLLR  
MBEDZI T AT THE CTM VHEMBE GALLA DINNER AT  
PORCHVILLA HOTEL, THULAMELA MUNICIPALITY,  
VHEMBE DISTRICT ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 18H00**

Programme Director

Representative of the Mayor of Thulamela Municipality

All Councillors present

Our main sponsor CTM Vhembe led by Mr Simango L

Circuit Manager Mr Tshivhase

Italtile Executive Director representative

Members of School Governing Bodies

Invited guests

Media house

Ladies and Gentleman

Good evening

It gives me great pleasure and privilege to extend a cordial greeting and welcome to you all, especially those that are from outside the borders of the Vhembe District Municipality. I trust that you will not only benefit by just paying a visit to our district but also explore the beauty and landscape of our region.

This evening we are meeting here in preparations of tomorrow soccer tournament by different soccer teams. For that let me take this opportunities to thank the CTM Vhembe for their continued partnership with our District Municipality. Let me emphasise the as district has part of its smart people pillar embraced sport as a major catalyst of social cohesion. Sports bring peoples together.

We have over the years continued to use sporting events to empower members of our communities who are less fortunate with access to education, recreational activities as well as relief where needed.

It is imperatives that as players and coaches teams, you to know that as you strut your staff you are not only doing it for the fans, but also for the throngs of children who benefited and those who will benefit. In the next two weeks again as district municipality will be hosting another Mayoral Tournament

As district we are seeing an incremental value in the money that both CTM is investing on sporting activities. The district truly appreciated the continued partnership with the CTM Vhembe. We further thank the Vhembe SAFA and teams management including players for your contribution towards humanity.

To the players, our residents do love you and are starved for a real clash that will remain memorable in their hearts. We are confident that once you hit the pitch tomorrow both the teams will deliver an electrifying encounter to the fans in Vhembe to send a positive season message to our fans. Vince Lombardi taught us that “Winning is not everything, it is the only thing”. We hope to witness the depth of soccer talent that we have in this country.

Ladies and Gentlemen, once again allow me to pass our sincere gratitude to CTM Vhembe for making sure this gallar dinner and tomorrow’s game is happening at their established sport facilities. Am told Thohoyandou CTM is number one in the country thus why they are continuously ploughing back to the communities. The 15 participant schools are very blessed to have business people like Mr and Ms Simango who did not only focus on profit.

As I step down let me wish you all the best and let the best team tomorrow.

I thank you!

