



# NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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## OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY THE SPEAKER  
OF NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY  
To the Provincial Conference of Interfaith Leaders in the Bokone Bophirima  
Thursday, 24 September 2015 in Klein Marico Recreation Centre,  
Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality

NICSA Provincial Chairperson, Bishop Daniel Matebesi;  
NICSA Ngaka Modiri Molema District Chairperson, Rev. K.J. Pelele;  
All Religious Formations present here today;  
Councillors present;  
Dikgosi tsa rona, banga ba mmu,

E re ke tseye tshono e no jaaka Mmusakgotla wa Sedika sa Ngaka Modiri Molema ke le dumedise mo lebitso la Rara, Mmopi wa tsothe tse di mo lefatsheng, AMEN...

Programme Director, in ensuring that we focus on the theme of this Conference, that is **"Religious Leaders in Bokone Bophirima in partnership with stakeholders in promoting peace, stability and social cohesion on nation building"** Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality adhere to its commitment as **"Leaders in Integrated Municipal Governance"**, aligning our priorities to priorities as prescribed by the current Administration, which is amongst others, the fight against crime and corruption, Rural development and land reform, Access to housing and basic services, Building a developmental capable state, Social Cohesion

**"Leaders in integrated municipal governance"**

Furthermore, we subscribe to the resolution of the Local Government Summit 2014 held in Gallagher Estate, whereby Government committed to implement the “*Back to Basic*” approach focusing on the five pillars in responding to community needs and building a better Africa and a better World, those pillars are Putting People First; Delivering Basic Social Services; Good Governance; Sound Financial Management; Building Capacity.

A re simololeng ko ga lowe fa re isa ditirelo kwa baaging.

Re rata go ikuela jaaka setheo se o se tlhomilweng go direla baagi, ra re ga re ka ke ra dira sepe ntle le baagi ba o ba re rumileng kwa pusong. Ka jalo mekgatlo yotlhe e e fa gompiano e botlhokwa e bile e ka re kgontsa go tswelala go isa ditirelo tse o di tswanetseng kwa baaging.

Ka tlotlo yotlhe motshwara-marapo, in promoting Good Governance and Community Participation, the Office of the Speaker in Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality has created various platforms such as amongst others, Anti-corruption Forum, Moral Regeneration Programme, IDP Rep. Forum, for greater public participation, sharing information and obtaining feedback about projects and programme based priorities, as well as challenges and remedial actions to ensure alignment between plans and implementation.

We are committed to ensure that support is provided to programmes highlighted by this Conference and other related public participation campaigns.

We further commit to forge a relationship with NICSA in educating communities to take pride and protect their public property for our future generation.

Maybe the most important question that we ask ourselves is that, what is the role of Religious grouping in Governance, Programme Director, Perhaps the single most important Biblical reason for religious groups to be involved in the political processes stands from Jesus repeated command to “*Love your neighbour*”;

The Bible is clear that to *"love your neighbour"* requires action on the part of religious people to show involvement and compassion to both strangers and friends alike.

We cannot continue to ignore the weakening of public policy and societal decay anymore just like the good Samaritan who could not ignore the robbery victim by the side of the road.

It is important that Municipalities must (it is a command not a request), recognise the role that religious organisations plays in promoting effective service delivery approach strategies, failure to do that it only further amplifies communication and accountability problem by that Municipality.

It must be noted that Community members are more likely to respond to an organisation which is accountable to them and which takes time to explain why their needs and service delivery expectations are not being satisfied. Key to this are Religious Leaders, "people's persons" in communities who essentially voice the word of all aspect of life and living.

Programme Director, Religious Leaders as I conclude on my message let me take this opportunity in taking pride on Women who stood up to be part of this predominately male institution, ra itse gore re godile re itse gore Seruti ke bo Rre, mme gompiono bo Mme ba ikaya le bona gore ba kgona go tsamaisa lentswe la borongwa.

Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality urges to Religious Leaders that, Our faith in GOD should influence our values in all of lives including the political arena.

**"Religious Organisations united In Moving Bokone Bophirima and South Africa Forward"**

**Kea leboga....**