



# NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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**HON.CLLR YOLISWA SECHOARO**

**COUNCIL SPEAKER NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

**THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2017**

**COUNCIL SITTING**

Honourable Acting Executive Mayor of the District Municipality  
Cllr Gilbert Mathakathaka;

Chief Whip, Cllr Itumeleng Lethoko;

All Honourable MMCs present;

All Respective Opposition Parties

The Acting Municipal Manager;

The Chief Financial Officer;

Our Senior Managers and Managers, Officials;

Members of Public in the gallery

Ke re go lona lotlhe, Dumelang.

Let me first start by welcoming all who are present today in this sitting.

As we conclude Africa Month, let us promote African unity, deeper regional integration and strive to make mother Africa a continent that is the envy of others.

The theme for this Africa Month “***Building a Better Africa and a Better World***”; affirms our call to embrace our Africaness with pride. I would like to remind all of us that today back in 1963, the African Union (AU) formerly known as Organisation of African Unity was formed. This body has played a pivotal role in bringing all the regions and African Heads of States together for a better Africa

As South Africans we all have a gift that we can share with the rest of the continent, and that gift is the spirit of Ubuntu. As Public servants, let us translate this spirit of Ubuntu in our Batho Pele Principles to further enhance service delivery to our constituencies.

Furthermore, we are faced as a nation with the scourge of senseless human violations against our Women and Children, as has been reported in the media recently. Bo- Mme, Senzeni naa? Why do we continue to find ourselves in such situations? A re tshware thipa mo bogaleng, lets instill good values in our children both male and female.

As we continue to celebrate the year that has been declared as Oliver Reginald Tambo, I would like to reiterate his words when he said "The children of any nation are its future. A country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth and children does not deserve its future". Let us all take time and reflect on these words.

As Men and Women who are respected leaders in our communities, re a itse gore ngwana, sejo oa tlhakanelwa. Let us continue to love and protect our women and children. Women should learn to carry themselves with integrity. Men should reclaim their manhood and play a positive role in our society. Till then, we can only rebuild ourselves to be who we need to be.

Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality will embark on Street march on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2017 and will pledge solidarity with the victims and say "NO" to Women and Children Abuse.

Together we can move Ngaka Modiri Molema District and Bokone Bophirima forward by restoring human dignity in our area.

**Ke a leboga....**