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**WELCOME ADDRESS
HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR T.J MAKOLOMAKWA
TOURISM LEKGOTLA
16 FEBRUARY 2017
MAHIKENG
09H00**

Programme Director,

MEC of Tourism in the North West Province,
Hon. Desbo Mohono;

Notable Speakers;

Key stakeholders;

Distinguished guests;

Government and Municipal Officials present;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I greet you all.

I would like to take this moment to thank the Department of Tourism for affording me the opportunity to address you all. As the Executive Mayor of the “tourism diamond” of the province, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, I would like to welcome you all to the City of Goodwill. Mahikeng waga Mma-mosetsanyana

Ngaka Modiri Molema District might seem as a rural district within the province but it boasts magnificent destinations, untapped cultural settings and an assortment of activities to partake in. Tourism as we all know is one of the key pillars of the district and province at large and constitutes to what we know as ACT (Agriculture, Culture & Tourism). It contributes to the local economy and is a major driver of job creation.

As the 5th administration under the leadership of premier SOR Mahumapelo tourism is one of the key priorities for the province as aligned to the National Development Plan. President JG Zuma alluded to the growth this sector is experiencing in his SONA 2017 address, hence the need to intensify our strategies and marketing concepts to draw more feet to the province.

We would like to take this opportunity to also extend a warm welcome to all stakeholders, including product owners, operators and all who are involved in the tourism value chain.

We hope that the deliberations and engagements over the next 2 days will assist the province to cement a top place as the tourism destination of choice in the

country. We further hope that the gathering will also contribute positively to the Villages Townships and Small dorpias concept.

Ke a leboga!

