

FINAL COMMENTS BY THE MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM, MRS YN PHOSA, MPL, DURING THE STAKEHOLDER BREAKFAST MEETING AT PROTEA HOTEL WINKLER OUTSIDE WHITE RIVER, MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Thursday, 06 June 2013

“Government-Private sector Partnerships and Opportunities for Stakeholders”

Programme Director, Ladies and gentlemen;

Our aim through this Stakeholder Engagement meeting was for you, as our valuable stakeholder, to:

- **Gain clearer understanding of the priorities of government in the 2013-2014 financial year and receive your buy-in in working closer towards implementation;**
- **Urge you to continue to partner with us as government;**
- **Commit yourself in this partnership at different levels in furthering the aims of *the MEGDP*.**

We've heard what you've said, and really take your inputs very serious. It is clear that once off encounters such as this will not in themselves deliver magic results but follow up engagements at a one on one level with the relevant wings of our institutions will need to take place.

It is therefore necessary that we network during tea as managers will be available, and set up follow up on particular issues of concern.

We therefore call upon all our stakeholders to join with us in this journey towards socio-economic transformation, as we have declared that we are indeed *“Open for Business.”*

Working together we can do more to reduce poverty, unemployment and inequality.

I thank you

SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED

- Intervention of BRICS – how will it assist the South African economy
- MEGA – why was it in the ICU/ very few know about MEGA
- Development of tourism in Emalaheni – what is the Province doing in this regard
- Urban renewal – which areas to be renewed. Old towns like Emalaheni are being neglected to the benefit of affluent ones
- Why little focus on mining and manufacturing sectors – Stainless Steel plant in Middelburg
- When government takes projects from the private sector they end up collapsing
- The need to develop scarce skills required for economic growth – Middelburg is ...
- Established co-operatives – where are they and are they sustainable
- Promoting and strengthening SMMEs and Co-operatives
- Assisting in the implementation of high impact projects as outlined in the Programme of Action of the MEGDP