

# ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, CLLR JULIA LATA MATHEBE ON THE OCCASION OF OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF THIRTY-ONE (31) TITLE DEEDS TO THE MEMBERS OF TAFELKOP FARMERS ASSOCIATION, 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021, AT GROBLERSDAL FARM**

**Thank you Programme Director!**

His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa;

The Premier of Limpopo, Mr Chupu Stan Mathabatha;

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia de Lille

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Thoko Didiza;

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola;

The Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Noxolo Kiviet;

Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila;

Our Traditional Leaders;

Our Speaker, Cllr Tladi;

Our Chief Whip, Cllr Phahlamohlaka;

Tafelkop Farmers association;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Good Morning

We wish to welcome His Excellency President Ramaphosa, the Head of State and Head of the National Executive who is here today to assert the dignity of our people by giving them the Title Deeds.

Today, thirty-one (31) Title Deeds will be distributed to Tafelkop Farmers Association. This Association operates in Groblersdal, Ward 13 of Elias Mosoaledi Local Municipality.

The distribution of these Title Deeds by the President epitomises democratic values and principles engrained in the supreme Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 of which President Cyril Ramaphosa himself participated in its drafting, making such a huge contribution to our constitutional democracy.

It is for this reason, we are proud to host you, The President. This is an indication of a responsive government that is focused on creating liveable spaces where our people can **live, work and farm**.

Programme Director, we support the President in his practical commitment to restore the dignity of our communities. It is **truism** that ours is responsible and caring government under the capable hands of our very President.

It goes without saying that this gesture by the President would have been appreciated by our municipality's namesake, the late **Mr Elias Motsoaledi** – May His Soul Rest in Peace. He played a signal role in the struggle for freedom and democracy in this country. A Rivonia Trialist who was sentenced to life imprisonment on Robben Island until his release after almost 26 years in prison. He was unable to live to witness the fruits of freedom because he died on the day of the inauguration of first democratically elected President and his fellow Rivonia Trialist Tata Nelson Mandela.

**Mr Elias Motsoaledi** would have appreciated President Ramaphosa's giving of Title Deeds as part of implementing radical economic transformation. A Title Deed gives a person the ownership of a property and acts as a passport to participation in the economy. It is only the ANC government that do just that, restoring the dignity of a black family by issuing title deeds.

In conclusion, Programme Director, the Municipality and as a people support the President expressly and indeed on this occasion.

With those words, it only remains to say we welcome everyone ladies and gentlemen in general and in the main the first citizen, His Excellency President Ramaphosa, the Head of State and Head of the National Executive.

**I thank you!**