


MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI		
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**REMARKS BY HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR NOZIPHO  
DLAMINI-GAMEDZE DURING THE MUNICIPALITY'S 2023 ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE: 21<sup>ST</sup> September 2023: VENUE: The George Hotel TIME: 7:30am**

- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
- MANZINI REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- CHAIRPERSON OF MATSAPHA TOWN COUNCIL
- MANZINI DEPUTY MAYOR & HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS
- MANZINI CEO & MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT
- REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT
- MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN


**GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.**

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- IT IS AN HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE MUNICIPALITY’S 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE ALL THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWING THIS MEETING ON YOUTUBE; BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.
- AS A MUNICIPALITY WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING TIME FOR THIS IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDER MEETING.
- THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ACCOUNT ON OUR PERFORMANCE DURING THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR.
- I MUST SAY THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD CULTURE BY THE MUNICIPALITY AS IT FORMS PART OF THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE.
- TRANSPARENCY IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES, AS IT DEMONSTRATES INTEGRITY AND BUILDS TRUST.
- AS A NEW COUNCIL, WE ARE EXCITED TO WORK WITH A MUNICIPALITY THAT ACCORDS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO ISSUES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE.
- VALUED STAKEHOLDERS; MAY I, ON BEHALF OF ALL COUNCILLORS, EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE LAST COUNCIL FOR A STERLING JOB IN ENSURING THAT THE MUNICIPALITY REMAINS AFLOAT


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AGAINST ALL FORMS OF ADVERSITY DURING THEIR PERIOD IN OFFICE.

- THEIR TERM WAS MARRED BY NUMEROUS CHALLENGES INCLUDING; THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, POLITICAL UNREST AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR.
- ALL OF THIS PUT EXTREME PRESSURE ON THE MUNICIPALITY’S LIQUIDITY POSITION, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO IMMACULATELY EXERCISE THEIR OVERSIGHT ROLE AND MADE IT A POINT THAT THE MUNICIPALITY SURVIVED. SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED DURING PRESENTATIONS IN THIS MEETING.
- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR; MAY I ALSO EXTEND OUR PROFOUND APPRECIATION TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; PARTICULARLY OUR PARENT MINISTRY, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE WOULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED THESE GREAT MILESTONES HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THEIR RELENTLESS SUPPORT.
- AS THE INCOMING COUNCIL WE ARE COMMITTED TO MOVING OUR VIBRANT CITY EVEN TO MUCH GREATER HEIGHTS. THE YEAR 2030 IS FAST APPROACHING. OUR FOCUS IS THAT BY 2030 THE CITY SHOULD HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES TOWARDS ACHIEVING ALL OR MOST OF

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THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS WELL AS THE NEW URBAN AGENDA.

- WE WILL SOON BE VISITING THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES TO CONSULT ON PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES THAT SHOULD MAKE IT INTO THE NEXT 5-YEAR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
- MY APPEAL IS THAT FOCUS BE ON ACHIEVING ZERO POVERTY IN OUR CITY, ZERO HUNGER, GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING, QUALITY EDUCATION, GENDER EQUALITY, DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH, INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, A FIERCE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND, ULTIMATELY, A SUSTAINABLE CITY.
- WE ARE COGNISANT THAT WE CAN ONLY ACHIEVE THESE MILESTONES IF WE CONTINUE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL OUR STAKEHOLDERS. THEREFORE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRIORITISE PARTNERSHIPS AS PART OF OUR STRATEGIC GOALS.
- WITH THESE FEW REMARKS I WOULD LIKE TO, ONCE AGAIN, THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO JOIN US IN THIS ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO OUR 2022/23 PERFORMANCE. MAY I ALSO ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWING US FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE

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THROUGH YOUTUBE TO PARTICIPATE BY EXPRESSING THEIR COMMENTS THROUGH THE PROVIDED LIVESTREAM PLATFORM.

**I THANK YOU**

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