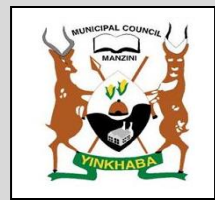


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**WELCOME REMARKS BY HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF MANZINI,  
COUNCILLOR NOZIPHO DLAMINI-GAMEDZE DURING THE LUNCH @ THE  
MARKET EVENT**

**DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023    VENUE: MANZINI MAIN MARKET    TIME: 12NOON**

- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
- PRINCIPAL SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
- YOUR EXCELLENCY THE EU AMBASSADOR
- YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY
- MANZINI REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
- DEPUTY MAYOR
- HONOURABLE COUNCILORS OF THE CITY OF MANZINI
- YOUR WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF MATSAPHA
- CEO OF BUSINESS ESWATINI
- CEO AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI
- CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY PRESENT
- REPRESENTATIVES OF HAPPY VALLEY HOTEL
- MANZINI RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES
- MANZINI MARKET COMMITTEE
- MANZINI MARKET TRADERS PRESENT
- MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

**GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.**

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- AS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI WE ARE TRULY HUMBLLED AND PLEASED TO HOST YOU IN THE VIBRANT CITY OF MANZINI; AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE MANZINI MAIN MARKET.
- WHAT EXCITES US THE MOST IS TO SEE THIS GREAT INITIATIVE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY STARTED WAY BACK IN 2018, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUSINESS ESWATINI, GROWING STRONGER AND STRONGER.
- I WAS NEITHER A COUNCILLOR NOR MAYOR IN 2018 BUT WHEN I SAW FROM THE MEDIA THE FINANCE MINISTER AND OTHER EXECUTIVES ENJOYING LUNCH AT THE MARKET, I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED IN MY SPIRIT.
- I ASKED MYSELF HOW MANY TIMES HAD I TAKEN TIME TO COME AND SUPPORT THESE WOMEN AND MEN WHO, FOR MANY YEARS, HAVE BEEN PLYING THEIR TRADE AT THE MARKET; IN THE PROCESS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CITY AND COUNTRY'S ECONOMY.
- YOUR EXCELLENCIES; I'M TALKING ABOUT WOMEN AND MEN WHO HAVE RAISED MANY HIGH PROFILE FIGURES IN THE COUNTRY THROUGH EARNINGS FROM THE MANZINI MARKET. TRUST ME; YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER.
- I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO MAKE A FERVENT CALL TO THE PEOPLE OF MANZINI AND THE COUNTRY AT LARGE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIETAL STATUS, TO PLEASE SUPPORT THESE TRADERS. THE

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MANZINI MARKET IS NOT FOR A CERTAIN SECTION OF SOCIETY BUT FOR ALL OF US.

- AS A MUNICIPALITY WE HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE TRADERS BY FACILITATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT; AS PART OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. WE HAVE ALSO QUITE RECENTLY INVESTED MILLIONS OF EMALANGENI IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE MARKET FACILITY. WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING MORE WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS.
- THE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ARE WITNESSING TODAY IN THIS MARKET CONTRIBUTE TO GOALS NUMBER 1,2,8 AND 11 OF THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. AS A MUNICIPALITY WE BELIEVE THAT, AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE PARTNERING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS IN LINE WITH OUR MISSION, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE ZERO POVERTY, ZERO HUNGER, DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AS WELL AS CONTINUED SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR CITY AND ITS COMMUNITIES.
- THAT IS THE REASON, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND HAPPY VALLEY HOTEL, ONE OF THE ESTEEMED HOTELS IN THE COUNTRY, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO UPSKILL OUR VENDORS ON CUISINE BEST PRACTICES; A SKILL THAT I AM CERTAIN WILL ADD IMMENSE VALUE TO THIS MARKET RESTAURANT.

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- ON THE SAME TOKEN, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION TO BUSINESS ESWATINI FOR CONTINUING TO WALK THIS JOURNEY WITH US. THE LUNCH AT THE MARKET EVENT GOES A LONG WAY IN MARKETING AND PROMOTING THE MANZINI MAIN MARKET AS A MUST-STOP FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS.
- MAY I ALSO THANK AND APPRECIATE THE AMBASSADORS PRESENT HERE TODAY FOR COMING THROUGH TO BE WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR CULTURE AND ONE OF THE OLDEST CITY OFFERINGS. I TRUST THAT THEY SHALL CONTINUE TO BECKON TOURISTS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES TO MAKE THE MANZINI MARKET A STOP-OVER THAT IS NOT TO BE MISSED.
- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR; THIS IS NOT A DAY FOR LONG SPEECHES. INSTEAD WE ARE HERE TO ENJOY A NICE CUISINE AT THE MARKET. MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME ALL OUR GUESTS TO THE VIBRANT CITY OF MANZINI AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE MANZINI MAIN MARKET. DO ENJOY THE MEAL, MINGLE AND ENJOY THE WARMTH OF THE PEOPLE OF MANZINI.

**I THANK YOU.**

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