


MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI		
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WELCOME REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR GOODWILL DLAMINI, DURING THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF THE NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE CITIES OBSERVATORY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND ELGA OFFICE FURNITURE

Date: 12th February 2025 **Venue:** Manzini Council Chamber **Time:** 11:00am


- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
 - HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 - PRINCIPAL SECRETARY & SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 - FAO SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATOR (SOUTHERN AFRICA)
 - ASSISTANT FAO REPRESENTATIVE, MR HOWARD MBUYISA
 - ELGA PRESIDENT
 - ELGA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
 - HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS PRESENT
 - CEOs AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES PRESENT
 - SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
 - DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
 - MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
 - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
- GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

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- IT IS AN HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A FEW WORDS AT THIS AUSPICIOUS EVENT WHEREIN WE ARE GATHERED FOR THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF THE NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE CITIES OBSERVATORY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE ESWATINI LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ELGA).
- I MUST SAY THAT THIS MOMENT REPRESENTS A KEY MILESTONE IN OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS IN ESWATINI.
- AS WE FACE THE INCREASING REALITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WITH ERRATIC RAINFALL, DROUGHTS AND EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES, THIS HANDOVER IS A CRUCIAL STEP IN OUR COLLECTIVE JOURNEY.
- THE GREEN CITIES PROJECT, OF WHICH THIS EVENT IS AN INTEGRAL PART, EXEMPLIFIES OUR COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL CITIZENS.
- HONOURABLE MINISTER; I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE FAO SOUTHERN AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ENSURING THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU WHICH WAS SIGNED IN AUGUST 2023.

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- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE CITIES OBSERVATORY LAB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ELGA HERE IN THE CITY OF MANZINI IS A LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT. THIS LABORATORY WILL BE A HUB FOR GENERATING DATA AND INNOVATION, EMPOWERING US TO DEVELOP INFORMED STRATEGIES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION.
- WE, AS MUNICIPALITIES, COMMIT TO SAFEGUARDING THE LABORATORY'S EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE ITS LASTING IMPACT FOR YEARS TO COME. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROVISION OF OFFICE FURNITURE TO ELGA IS A TESTAMENT TO THE STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPACITY, ENABLING BETTER COORDINATION AND SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN IMPLEMENTING GREEN CITY INITIATIVES.
- AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I ASSURE YOU THAT ESWATINI'S MUNICIPALITIES REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 11 AND 13 (SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES AND CLIMATE ACTION, RESPECTIVELY). THE OBSERVATORY LAB WILL PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ADVANCING OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ACHIEVING THESE GLOBAL GOALS.
- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR; WITH THESE FEW REMARKS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME

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TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FAO REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL ESTEEMED GUESTS TO THE VIBRANT CITY OF MANZINI AND THIS EXCITING OCCASION.

I THANK YOU.

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