


MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI		
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**CLOSING REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR
GOODWILL DLAMINI, DURING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Date: 2nd December 2024 **Venue:** Mavuso Trade Centre

Time: 9am

- **PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**
- **HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**
- **HONOURABLE MINISTER OF HEALTH**
- **MANZINI REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**
- **UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR**
- **CANGO DIRECTOR**
- **FODSWA PRESIDENT**
- **CHAIRPERSON OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**
- **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENT**
- **ESTEEMED PARTNERS PRESENT**
- **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**
- **MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**
- **GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.**
- AS WE COME TO THE CLOSE OF THIS SIGNIFICANT GATHERING ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE THEME “AMPLIFYING THE LEADERSHIP OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN ESWATINI FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE,” I AM FILLED WITH BOTH GRATITUDE AND HOPE. I AM REALLY INSPIRED BY ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SPOKEN


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BEFORE ME AND I BELIEVE THAT, WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN TRULY DO GREAT THINGS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN OUR COUNTRY AND IN OUR CITY.

- TODAY, WE HAVE COME TOGETHER NOT JUST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHALLENGES THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FACE BUT ALSO TO CELEBRATE THEIR RESILIENCE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE VITAL ROLE THEY PLAY IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANZINI'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE NOT ONLY RECOGNIZED, BUT ALSO FULLY INCLUDED IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR SOCIETY.
- TO THAT END, WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES FORUM, WHICH WILL SERVE AS A DIRECT POINT OF CONTACT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACROSS ALL 12 MUNICIPAL WARDS.
- THIS FORUM WILL ENSURE THAT THE VOICES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE HEARD AND REPRESENTED; AND THAT THEIR NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS ARE CONSIDERED IN ALL OUR PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES. IT IS THROUGH SUCH


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STRUCTURES THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.


- ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE TAKEN AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ECONOMIC SPACE. TWO MONTHS AGO, THE MUNICIPALITY EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENTREPRENUESHIP TRAINING. AT LEAST (20) PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FROM WITHIN THE CITY AND OVER (40) FROM THE MANZINI REGION ATTENDED THE TRAINING. THIS IS INDICATIVE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' APPETITE FOR ENTREPRENUERSHIP; AND, AS A MUNICIPALITY IT INSPIRES US TO OPEN OUR EYES WIDER AND FOCUS MORE ATTENTION TOWARDS THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN OUR CITY.
- PRGRAMME DIRECTOR; MINE IS TO PRESENT CLOSING REMARKS TO THIS AUSPICIOUS CEREMONY HENCE MY SPEECH WILL BE VERY BRIEF.
- HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER; I WOULD LIKE TO END MY REMARKS BY REITERATING OUR COMMITMENT AS A MUNICIPALITY TOWARDS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

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- I MUST SAY, HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER THAT THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BUSINESS START-UP REVOLVING FUND THAT I SPOKE ABOUT IN ONE OF MY SPEECHES RECENTLY IS GAINING EXCITING TRACTION. OVER (40) PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR BUSINESS PROPOSALS AND, AS I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ASSESSING THEIR VIABILITY. THOSE THAT WILL BE FOUND TO BE BEYOND OUR SCOPE AS A MUNICIPALITY WILL BE LINKED WITH POTENTIAL FUNDERS. OUR WISH IS FOR EVERY PERSON WITH DISABILITY WHO SUBMITTED A BUSINESS PROPOSAL TO REALISE THEIR DREAM.
- PROGRAME DIRECTOR; MAY I END MY CLOSING REMARKS BY REMINDING PERSONS WITH DISABILTIES THAT WE HAVE RESERVED INFORMAL TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR CITY; SPECIFICALLY FOR THEM. THE QUARTERLY INNER CITY FLEA MARKET IS ONE OF THEM. I WISH TO ENCOURAGE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO MAKE USE OF THESE RARE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE CONSISTENTLY AVAIL AS A MUNICIPALITY.
- AS A MUNICIPALITY WE COMMIT TO WORK TIRELESSLY TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HAVE ACCESS TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES AND THE

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SUPPORT THEY NEED TO FLOURISH. THE RECENT JOB EXPO FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IS ALSO STILL FRESH IN OUR MINDS. AS A MUNICIPALITY WE ARE WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF THAT TRAJECTORY.

- TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD A MANZINI CITY AND A COUNTRY THAT IS TRULY INCLUSIVE; WHERE EVERY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITIES, CAN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

- **I THANK YOU.**

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