

REMARKS BY THE MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MRS. H.J MASHAMBA, AT THE EVENT OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE GOLDEN GAMES, PETER MOKABA STADIUM, POLOKWANE.

28th October 2016

Programme Director;

Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu;

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms.

Onicca Moloi;

The Management of the various government departments;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

All protocol observed.

Dumelang!

Sawubona!

Sanibona!

Molweni!

Ndi Maseari!

Inhlikanhi!

Goeie middag!

Lotjhani!

Good afternoon!

We have come to the end of a full week. We have managed to spend this week enjoying a multitude of activities ranging from serious discussions to cultural activities, to sport. We sincerely hope that you have had a pleasant stay in Limpopo.

Our warmest wishes are with you as you return to your respective provinces with their own unique cultures and people.

I am referring to the golden province of Gauteng; the Cradle of Humankind – North West; the open plains of the Free State; the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal; the place where the sun rises – Mpumalanga; the warmth of the Northern and Eastern Cape people and the versatile Western Cape province.

Programme Director

This week of focus on the Active Ageing programme has brought with it significant discussions around the rights and needs of our older persons. We have taken to heart all that you have suggested.

We have also witnessed how our senior citizens don't have to stand back for their younger

counterparts when it comes to being active – both physically and mentally.

The sincere wish is that you will continue being active in your communities and continue to set this wonderful example to the youth.

All that is left from me is to bid you a fond farewell and hope that we meet again soon. May your travel safely back home and enjoy the well-deserved rest after this week of being active.

Please take the message back to your respective governments that it had been an honour to host this programme here in Polokwane and that we hope you will return soon for a visit. Let us continue to encourage cultural diversity and social cohesion at all our events. We need one another to make this country's ideal of multi-racialism and non-sexism a reality.

We also wish to also thank everyone involved in this event, for making it a great success. Without your hard work and commitment, it will not have been possible.

In closure, Programme Director;

I take this opportunity to once again condemn violence and crime against our most vulnerable members of society. Children, women, disabled persons and the elderly. Let us take a serious stance against this evil. Speak out and let your voices be heard.

We know that when we join our hands, we can do so much more together to create a better life for all our citizens.

Let us continue to build a caring society. Together.

I thank you!

Ngiyabonga!

Ke a leboga!

Enkosi!

Baie dankie!

Ke a leboha!

Ngiyathokoza!

Ndo livhuwa!

Ndzi khensile!