

***Thobela!***

*Ke nna Jabu Mahlangu, Molekgotla-phetishi wa tsa hlabololo ya Ekonomi go la Mpumalanga.*

As each year passes by, it is opportune time for us to go down the memory lane, to review what difference we made in changing the lives of all those who have pinned their hopes on us. They've done that, and continue to pin their trust in us because we have proved to be trustworthy. We cannot therefore dare fail them. We have the responsibility together to ensure that their lives are improved for the better. It is a responsibility that we cannot postpone nor ask someone to do it on our behalf – for if we fail, we will be blamed eternally by generations to come.

Our commitment towards ensuring a better life for all, more especially to those vulnerable members of our society, remains unwavering. We will not be deterred by anything in our quest to do more for our people.

As the New Year dawns, I take this time to wish you and your families and successful and fruitful 2010. We must all take advantage of the benefits and proceeds that will be brought along by the FIFA World Cup starting in June. Our starting point is to give our visitors Africa's warm welcome. Let's show them that we love visitors and welcome them with open arms. When our country benefits – so will our people.

***Ke Nako ya Afrika!***

***Ga re swarane re shoma sa mma-le-tee, re ka dira kaone!***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**