



SUMMIT 2011



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BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SUMMIT DECLARATION

We, the young people from the length and breadth of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality convened from the 19th to the 21st November 2011. We convened at the Rustenburg Kloof within the jurisdiction of Rustenburg Local Municipality

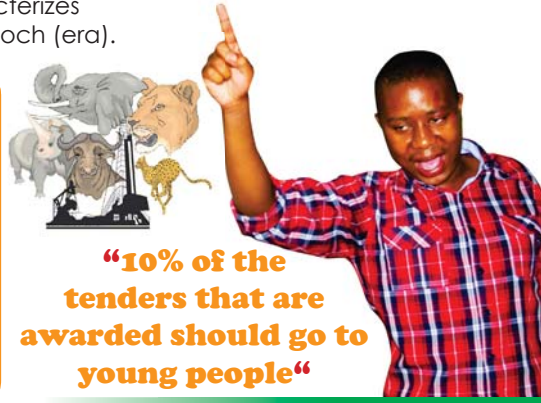
representing all municipalities within Bojanala. We have met to actively and practically respond to the imminent and urgent challenges facing us, the youth, regardless of race, gender or our historic background. Our discussions were guided under the

theme "Economic Freedom in our Lifetime". We found relevance in the theme of the summit as our struggles are mainly formed by the economic disparities that characterizes the epoch (era).

WE have collectively identified some challenges which can be summarised as follows:

- Lack of visible and practical programmes that deals with youth development
- Institutionalization and mainstreaming of youth development across departments
- negative socio-economic political environment that persist within our district should not impede youth development

- Continuous provision of untransformed and irrelevant education in terms of form and content.
- Unintegrated efforts that focuses on youth development.
- Exclusion of issues affecting people living with disabilities within our district.
- challenges facing the NYDA
- Reluctancy of corporate business to contribute positively to our society.
- Non participation of young people in the mainstream economy



"10% of the tenders that are awarded should go to young people"

HAVING NOTED SOME OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHALLENGES WE HAVE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- ❖ That the District Municipality should convene another summit to assess the implementation of summit resolutions within the next six months.
- ❖ That there is a need to convene an education and sports summit to address specific issues within these sectors.
- ❖ That a feasibility study should be conducted with the aim of coordinating focus areas that needs to address our challenges.
- ❖ NYDA, Municipalities and other agencies should intervene to enable youth to have access to land, and to implement more agricultural programs.
- ❖ NYDA funding system should to be more lenient towards youth,
- ❖ More start-up businesses should be developed, mentored and financed.
- ❖ Land use and redistribution in Municipalities should

- take into consideration integration of youth development.
- ❖ Tendering procurement should be improved to favor youth enterprise opportunities, with at least a 50% procurement rate within Government.
- ❖ LEDs must make sure enforcement of 50% procurement opportunities for youth enterprise are ring fenced as a municipal bylaw or resolution and they should monitor the implementation.
- ❖ A Social media strategy should be implemented to reach more youths and to encourage economic participation, eg Facebook, Mxit.
- ❖ Each department within the municipalities and various other stakeholders should be integrated,
- ❖ Public Private Partnerships programmes favoring Youth should be entered into.
- ❖ Youth councils must be established in each

- local municipality, to ensure youth policies are implemented and a District youth council must be formed.
- ❖ There must be a well-coordinated and dedicated youth development budget in the IDPs of all Municipalities.
- ❖ All academic institutions should provide a conducive learning environment with specific reference to people with disabilities.
- ❖ Programmes targeting youth, including people with disabilities should be mainstreamed by the District Municipality across all departments.
- ❖ By 2015 the district should have escalated skills transfer and decreased unemployment.
- ❖ Lobbying for the establishment of an institution which addresses technical skills.

Having noted the above matters, we recommit ourselves to take a leading role in addressing our own challenges. We further call on all stakeholders to critically take a lead on addressing our issues.

Inspired by the Life time president of the ANC OR TAMBO when he said "a nation that does not take care of its youth, does not have a future", this statement continues to guide and inspire us all.

We welcomed the commitment of the Executive Mayor of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality that youth development shall be prioritized and its programmes will find expression in all municipal programmes.

Stakeholders of Youth Summit 2011

