

**SPEECH BY THE MMC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT Me.  
NTSWAKI LETUMA AT THE OPENING OF THE OR. TAMBO  
GAMES IN LADYBRAND ON THE 07/07/2007.**

The Mayor of Mantsopa, Ntate Willem Mathee,  
MEC for Sports, Arts, Science and Technology, Me. Mnumzana,  
Councilors present,  
Officials from the provincial government and municipalities present,  
Sport fanatics,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Programme Director,

We are used to formal events as politicians in most cases, where we are expected to behave in a particular manner from the beginning to the end of such events. Today, we are meeting at a very distinct environment; an environment that allows laxity and free movement while enjoying ourselves and feeding our intellect through sports.

Programme Director, OR Tambo Games have brought a different dimension to our government with regard sports, art and culture. It has developed a sense of pride to the nations' norms and practices; it brought about introspection to our being as a nation as to what we value most.

These games that brought us here, amongst others are the indigenous games. Recently in Naledi Local Municipality, Motheo District did organize and coordinate these games which were received with both hands by our people.

Young people of this country were able to demonstrate how important are our indigenous games even today through team building which is a difficulty to most of our people today. We are here in Ladybrand to prepare and ready ourselves for the provincial games of which are to be held soon.

I therefore would like to call upon all of our young people to put all their efforts in displaying whatever they have, to ensure that, we shall be well represented in the future as a District in these OR Tambo Games. This is a platform that you have an opportunity to express your talents for your future development in society.

Programme Director, as government we have played our role of creating this opportunities for our young people, now its their turn to convince us that, whatever commitment we made, it worth the event.

In conclusion, I would like to say, you are all welcome in Motheo District, a district that is proud of its youth, hospitality and warmth. We hope that, you shall enjoy your stay and games from the beginning to the end; I therefore declare the OR. Tambo Games officially opened.

Thank you!