

# WELCOMING SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR COUNCILLOR SOBANE MNUKWA TO THE LAUNCH OF THE LABOUR CENTRE AT EMAXESIBENI ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2021.

The Honourable Minister

Executive Mayor

All Councillors present today

Traditional Leaders present

Municipal Officials and all officials from sector departments present

Fellow Residents

Media Houses and public present

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ndiyanibulisa ngegama le ntuthukho kunye negama leNkosi yethu uYesu Krestu, Amen.

**Ladies and Gentlemen;** it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all. As we stand here today, gathered under the severe pressures of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed one of the worst economic strains in the history of our country's democracy.

This, where many of our family members, friends and colleagues have lost their jobs due to unprecedented retrenchments. However today we stand together in the fight against job loss and we rather promote a long stretch towards economic recovery.

As the country prepares for population immunity, our job is to also ensure that we strengthen our efforts in aid of securing employment opportunities for our unemployed youth. The state of art infrastructure we see here today will ensure that our dreams are realised as a district in particular the youth of Umzimvubu.

**Honourable Minister;** we sincerely welcome this new infrastructure developed by the Department of Employment and Labour. We further appreciate the efforts conducted by this department to mitigate the high rate of unemployment in our region. This will truly go down history as one of the major cornerstones by Government.

**Fellow residents;** without expanding too much on the project and its intended outcomes, allow me to welcome you all with a notion of trust that this will be a successful handover programme.

**I THANK YOU.**