

**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF POLOKWANE  
MUNICIPALITY, CLLR MAKORO JOHN MPE AT THE 2025 LIMPOPO KA  
DIZEMBA MEDIA LAUNCH**

*Thursday, 20 November 2025 / Meropa Casino and Entertainment World*

Programme Director, Ms Grace Sibara;

Honourable Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba;

Honourable MEC for LEDET, Tshitereke Matibe;

LTA Board Chairperson, Mr Andrew Dipela;

Distinguished guests;

Members of the media;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Good morning.

It is an honour and a privilege for the City of Polokwane to host this strategic media launch of the 2025 Limpopo Ka Dizemba Campaign, a campaign that continues to position our province as a destination of choice, a home of heritage and a vibrant hub of tourism, culture and economic activity.

As the Executive Mayor of Polokwane, I wish to warmly welcome you all to the capital city of Limpopo, a city in motion, a city on the rise and a city ready to receive the thousands of visitors who will be flocking to our facilities during this festive season.

Limpopo Ka Dizemba is an economic stimulus.

It is a jobs catalyst.

It is a celebration of who we are as a people.

And Polokwane, with its infrastructure, its world-class sporting venues, its hospitality sector and its bustling creative industry, stands ready to play its leading role.

Allow me, Programme Director, to highlight what is coming to our municipal facilities over the next few weeks, activities designed not only for entertainment, but also for stimulating the local economy and supporting small businesses:

## **November 2025**

23 Nov: CAF Confederation Cup clash – Stellenbosch FC vs Otôho d'Oyo, New Peter Mokaba Stadium

29 Nov: CAF Champions League clash – Kaizer Chiefs vs Zamalek, New Peter Mokaba Stadium

29 Nov: Ditukung Festival – Polokwane Cricket Club

30 Nov: Mamelodi Sundowns vs Polokwane City, New Peter Mokaba Stadium

## **December 2025**

05 Dec: Festive Lights Switch-On – Civic Centre Park

06 Dec: Carling Knockout Final – Orlando Pirates vs Marumo Gallants, New Peter Mokaba Stadium

06 Dec: Spin City – Polokwane Showgrounds

06 Dec: Mapungubwe Youth & Diva X Lekompo Mix with Metro FM – Polokwane Cricket Club

08–18 Dec: Region 6 Volleyball Championship – Ngoako Ramatlhodi Indoor Sport Complex

11 Dec: Mapungubwe Comedy Night – Jack Botes Hall

13 Dec: Mapungubwe Music Festival – Polokwane Cricket Club

16 Dec: Thobela FM Gospel Festival – Polokwane Cricket Club

These events bring energy to our streets, revenue to our businesses and hope to our young people. They showcase the best of Polokwane's hospitality, its creative talent and its sporting excellence.

As Polokwane, we fully embrace the Limpopo Ka Dizemba programme. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our provincial government, led by the Honourable Premier and with the Limpopo Tourism Agency, in ensuring that visitors experience a safe, enjoyable and unforgettable festive season.

We also welcome the partnerships with SAPS, the business community, artists, athletes and all tourism stakeholders who make this campaign a success year after year.

Programme Director,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is in this spirit of unity and collaboration that I officially welcome you to Polokwane and declare that the City is open, ready and excited for Limpopo Ka Dizemba 2025.

May this year's campaign ignite our economy, strengthen our brands and bring joy to our communities.

Ke a leboga.

I thank you.