

Programme Director

Let me start by appreciating this opportunity to perform such an important task at this gathering.

It is an opportune time for us to assemble at this Human Settlements Indaba – as this assembly comes at a time when the country has just started or entered another five year cycle of the electoral mandate.

Over the last 20 years, the Department of Human Settlements has recorded substantial achievements in housing the nation.

As a central Department that facilitates economic development and proper planning, the involvement of key stakeholders is paramount.

Programme Director; allow me to acknowledge the presence of the following dignitaries who have graced this gathering:

- Honourable Minister, LN Sisulu
- Deputy Minister, Z Kota-Fredericks
- Ministers and Deputy Ministers
- Gauteng Premier, Mr David Makhura
- Provincial Human Settlements MECs
- Chairpersons of Portfolio and Select Committees
- Human Settlements MMCs

- Deputy Executive Director for UN Habitat, Dr Aisa Kirabo Kacyira
 - President of Slum Dwellers International, Mr Jockin Arputham
 - President of Building the Nation Legacy Group, Mr Bart Dorrestein
 - Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements, Ms Nocawe Mafu
 - Chairperson of Select Committee on Social Services, Ms LC Dlamini
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- President of Chamber of Mines, Mr Mike Teke
 - Head of Human Settlements of the Banking Association of South Africa, Mr Pierre Venter
 - President Representative of South African Affordable Residential Developers Association, Mr Yusuf Patel
 - Past President of SAPOA, Dr Sedise Moseneke
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- Director of Aggregate and Sand Producers Association of Southern Africa, Mr Nice Pienaar
 - Vice President of ClayBrick Association of South Africa, Mr Musa Shangase
 - Executive Director for Master Builders South Africa, Ms Itumeleng Dlamini
 - South African Women in Construction (SAWIC) President, Ms Nompumelelo Pakade

- President Elect of South African Planning Institute, Ms Nthato Minyuku
- South African Institute of Architects President, Mr Sandile Ngonyama
- National African Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Construction (NAFCON) President, Mr Simon Dlamini

- Black Conveyancers Association President, Mrs Zukiswa Ntlangula
- FEDUSA General Secretary, Mr Dennis George
- President of South African Slum Dwellers, Ms Rose Molokoane

- South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Deputy Chairperson, Cllr Mpho Nawa
- NASHO CEO, Mr Malcolm McCarthy
- COSATU President, Mr Sdumo Dlamini
- Organised Business and Labour
- All social partners and stakeholders

In line with the Theme of - **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS THE DELIVERY OF 1.5 MILLION HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES BY 2019** - one remains resolute that our distinguished dignitaries will join forces with government to realise this vision.

As you have all been warmly welcomed, let us unite in **"BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR ACCELERATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DELIVERY"**.

I Thank You.