

WELCOME REMARKS
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It is indeed a great honour for me to be given an opportunity and privilege to welcome you to the National competition Conference. The purpose of this kind of gathering is to reflect on what can be done to stimulate the economy of Selebi-Phikwe.

Director of Ceremonies, the conference will benefit Selebi-Phikwe as we are all aware that following the government's decision to put the BCL mine under voluntary liquidation, Selebi-Phikwe Town is faced with over 5000 jobs losses. Bagaetsho, in order to address that, we took a decision to come up with a strategy to reduce the impacts of the economic down turn of the Town. The strategy identifies Selebi-Phikwe which is the regional headquarters, where most of the impact will be highly felt, and thus needing special attention, this is more so that any positive impacts in Selebi-Phikwe will benefit the region and the country at large.

The strategy nonetheless is based on integrating the quick win projects from the SPEDU, draft UDP4, DDP 8, and the draft National Spatial Plan to come up with high impact projects to revitalize the region.

From this Strategy, SPTC and SPEDU signed an MOU for SPEDU to promote properties owned by SPTC to Private Developers and the following Partnerships where archived:- Nicklehead Bus/Taxi Rank, Market Stalls and Commercial Mall, The project entails: Re-design and development of bus and taxi rank, restrooms, kiosks, market stalls and walkways. These will be mainly for public use. The other portion of the project is Development of an upmarket shopping Centre linked to the Bus/Taxi Rank. We also have Peo Yarona Golf Resort and Estate Development.

The project entails: The development of a Golf Course and Estate with state of the art Club House, 18 holes championship course, and upmarket residential estate.

Having the aforementioned strategies, we will have to align what we have learnt today to our strategy in order to stimulate the economy of our Town. The theme of the conference is: "Economic Stimulation: Is Competition the New Hope?" I think after this workshop we will have resolutions that are effective in stimulating the economy of Selebi Phikwe.

On that note, I welcome you to this conference and encourage you to feel free to participate in all the deliberations, and hope it will equip you with skills and knowledge on how to stimulate the economy of Selebi-Phikwe considering the competition aspects.

Bagaetsho you are welcome!

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