

Speech by the MEC for Transport and Community Safety on the Occasion of the SANSBOC Elections

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Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I greet you all this morning with great pride and a deep sense of appreciation for the role that SANSBOC continues to play in shaping the transport landscape of our province and indeed our country. Today we gather here on the important occasion of your elections — a process that must always be about renewal, accountability, and progress.

At the outset, allow me to congratulate all those who have offered themselves for leadership within SANSBOC. Leadership in this sector requires not only vision, but also courage, integrity, and the unwavering will to put commuters first at all times. For us, as the Department of Transport and Community Safety, commuters are not just passengers — they are parents, workers, students, and the lifeblood of our economy. Their safety and well-being must remain your number one priority.

As we deliberate and chart a way forward, I must emphasize the importance of investing in technology to modernize services, improve efficiency, and ensure safety. The world is moving rapidly towards smart mobility, and our sector must not be left behind. Whether through improved tracking, better communication systems, or data-driven decision-making, technology can help deliver a safer and more reliable transport experience.

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Equally, **fleet roadworthiness must never be compromised**. A vehicle on the road that is not roadworthy is a danger not only to passengers but also to other road users. This should remain at the very top of your agenda. We must insist on high standards, strict compliance, and constant vigilance.

Colleagues, SANSBOC is not just a transport body — **it is an economic enabler**. Every day, your services move workers to industries, learners to schools, and communities to opportunities. This places you at the heart of economic activity. It is for this reason that the Department regards SANSBOC as a key stakeholder and strategic partner. Our relationship must therefore be strengthened through open engagement, cooperation, and accountability.

As we gather for elections, I also want to make a strong call for inclusivity. **Women** in particular must receive serious consideration during these processes. We cannot speak of transformation in the transport sector if we continue to leave women behind. Women must be given the space and opportunity to lead, to innovate, and to drive change in this industry.

Let me also remind us that elections should be guided by one overarching goal: to improve transport services for the people. These elections must be characterized by fairness, transparency, and integrity. They must produce leaders who are alive to the current transport challenges we face, leaders who will rise to the occasion and work tirelessly for solutions.

In conclusion, I urge the incoming leadership to lead with passion, humility, and responsibility. You carry the hopes of thousands of commuters, operators, and communities. If you succeed, we all succeed. The Department of Transport and Community Safety stands ready to work hand in hand with you in ensuring safe, reliable, and dignified transport for our people.

I thank you.