

YOUTH CBP

- Cllr Salphina Mulauzi, Chair of Chairs in the City of Johannesburg
- Cllr Eunice Mgcina, MMC for Health and Social Development in the City of Joburg
- All young people present on the platform
- Resident of Johannesburg
- Officials

Good Morning,

I welcome you to the first Youth Community Based Planning sector meeting for March 2021, which also happens to coincide with Human Rights Month. We continue to meet under the new normal which was created by the Covid-19 pandemic and the regulations of the lockdown, as a result there has been a fundamental shift from contact meetings to digitisation in the City of Johannesburg, hence having all our CBP meetings on the virtual platform.

The participation of communities in the formulation and implementation of development plans is important for service delivery and deepening democracy in the City of Johannesburg. This is because participation is a key planning tool that ensures the fulfilment of community needs and interest.

Most of us will know, that the constitution requires local government to include its local communities in the planning process of the future of the city, and this planning process begins with Community Based Planning (CBP).

The CBP establishes a participatory process to mobilise communities in what is meant to capture what they see as their desired outcomes on issues that are affecting them in their ward, and in this case in the youth sector. The CBP processes are an important contributor to the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

We know the socio-economic burden that our young people carry due to poverty, inequality, unemployment, gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), and mental health problems, which have all been exacerbated by an unprecedented pandemic. We remain committed to addressing the city-wide challenges faced by the young people of our city by way of the programmes that we embark on and the allocation of the budgets towards these programmes.

So as this programme commences, I wish to encourage young people to utilize this platform to interact with us in planning forward and upwards for the Johannesburg youth because nothing can be done for you without you.

With that said you are welcome. I will now hand over to the MMC for Health and Social Development, Cllr Eunice Mgcina.

Thank You