

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, MAVIS N MATLADI, AT THE LAUNCH OF THE PARTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2011 MANIFESTO BAROLONG BOO RA TSHIDI COMMUNITY HALL, MAHIKENG MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2011

Ladies and gentlemen it is indeed befitting that as we celebrate the Human Rights Day, the UCDP also launches its Manifesto for Local Government Elections 2011 because the United Christian Democratic Party is the custodian of Human Rights as it Loves, Respects, Serves, Consult and Tolerate Mankind.

The United Christian Democratic Party, a Party whose governance principles are based on Christian doctrines, endeavors at all times to maintain and promote an inclusive and democratic character, and will always acknowledge the freedom of religion of all People.

As a political party with a rich history of successes in all fronts pertaining to service delivery, we pride ourselves in placing the interests of our communities first. Our service delivery record spans a period in excess of thirty years capably

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providing decent and affordable housing, constructing good and safe roads of high standards and building schools, clinics and hospitals.

At the time when people of South Arica are facing challenges of increasing poverty and unemployment, the risk of safety as a result of escalating crime, rampant corruption in local municipalities, with no possibility of decreasing as long as the governance of African National Congress is kept in Place. We call upon all South Africans not to let this opportunity of voting for UCDP pass them by.

As you cast your vote for the UCDP, you will be raising the South African Nation to high moral grounds. No Political party other than the UCDP can campaign with such credibility exhibited by its record overtime.

The UCDP is a party that is able to solve community problems on the basis of their circumstances.

The UCDP believes that significant progress can be made in the areas f accountable and effective service delivery, Agricultural development, quality education for all South Africans, provision of access to economic opportunities. Sustainable tourism, fighting of crime in our communities including tirelessly to ensure safe and secure local communities, the provision of basic service, roads and proper infrastructure to our communities at all times and above all well trained reliable and responsible human resources.

As the UCDP will be fielding candidates for Local Government Elections on 18 May 2011. UCDP will be presenting to you well experienced, robust and

seasoned politicians who will deliver affordable and dependable services to our communities.

The fact that 64 municipalities had made it to the financial distress list by 2009, shows how important these election are. There are several causes of this inter alia, human resources, slowness in bringing to par gender equity, insufficient municipal capacity, poor financial management, corruption and service delivery delays are amongst the challenges faced in local governance. Uneven and unstable governance has been the root cause.

What the UCDP, seeks to achieve is to root out high incidence of inappropriate appointments and weak institutional management. Rural municipalities need to be equipped and trained in order for them to understand their economic realities and deliver nonetheless.

We believe that under spending as well as over-spending must not be tolerated at all. Unnecessary political tension only perpetuates the slowness in service delivery and in no way does it empower the people. The funding models for local government need to be revisited as they obviously do not work.

Back to elections and to creating conducive environment, as UCDP, we do not underestimate the role that traditional and leaders have to play in creating a stage for Fair and peaceful elections. As such we intend exploiting their counsel for the good of all involved. We need tolerance as we head for elections and we know of no better leaders that can exercise and teach tolerance as religious and traditional leaders are.

It is absolutely imperative for all Political parties to cultivate a culture of accepting defeat with decency, dignity and value for human lives. We are now all in a planning process, nobody plans to lose, we're hoping to win, but loses shall happen, expectedly and unexpectedly and we all ought to have political maturity to accept it.

Ma UCDP a a rategang, Magana go swa, go matshwanedi gore mo letsatsing la gompieno ga re keteka moletlo wa ditshwanelo tsa botho re be re tlhagisa maano a go tsena mo ditlhophong tsa puso selegae mo ngwageng wa 2011. Ka gore UCDP ke yone matshego a ditshawanelo tsa botho. UCDP e rata motho, e tlotla motho, e direla motho ebile e a mo itshokela.

Bomasepala ka fa tlase ga puso ya ANC bana le mathata aa karetsang bogodu le tiriso e e botlhaswa ya madi a setshaba, go thapa batho ka losika le gore o wa lekoko lefe. Go itlhokomolosa melao ya tiriso ya matlotlo, go aba dithentara ka maikaelelo a go tsenya madi mo kgetsing. Mme bogolosegolo go palelwa ke go isa ditirelo ko bathong.

UCDP e tlhagisa banna le basadi ba ba rweleng maikarabelo , ba ba antseng moono wa go direla motho mo lebeleng jaaka bontlhopheng ba mmakgonthe gompieno. Ke a re go Ma Afrika Borwa "Gore lo bone ditirelo tse dikgonegang, tse diikanyegang, Tlhophang UCDP".

FOR AFFORDABLE, DEPENDABLE, SERVICE DELIVERY, VOTE UCDP.

GOLA UCDP! GOLA UCDP! GOLA UCDP!

KE A LEBOGA!