

Welcoming Speech by the Hon. Mayor of Kopanong to the Launch of Nafusa on the 11th February 2011 held at Trompsburg, XDM Auditorium.

Programme Director

The Executive Mayor of the Xhariep District, Ntate Mongi Ntwanambi

Ward Councillor, Me Khwinana

Ntate Letuka from the Interim National Steering Committee of Nafu

Chairperson of Nafu in Xhariep District, Me B. Mokhorro

Honourable Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Molweni

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be invited to this important occasion and I feel very much privileged and honoured to welcome you to this Launch of newly re-structured NAFUSA.

We all know that during the era of apartheid in South Africa the farming Sector was owned by only one group of South African Citizens, blacks had no opportunities of becoming farmers but slaves on white owned farms. The existence of NAFU brings hope to our emerging black farmers.

When the national farmer's Union (NAFU) was formed in 1991 the aim was to provide support for commercial black farmers who were largely marginalized at the time. NAFU was expected to support Black Farmers by providing political lobbying and also facilitate economics activities for Members.

Today we convene to restructure NAFUSA in the Xhariep District and this time to leave politics to politicians and rather focus on the task at hand, the task of ensuring contribution to food security.

Programme Director: I therefore welcome you all to this officially restructured NAFUSA in the Xhariep District and I would like to express my full support.

Lastly I would like to urge every delegate to keep their eyes on the ball. Remember the future belongs to those who are organized.

Ladies and Gentlemen I thank you.

Viva NAFUSA Viva !!