

## **MAPELA: THOUSANDS WITNESSED THE INAUGURATION OF KGOŠI**

**MAPELA:** After years of confusion, the rightful heir to throne was finally installed to rule the Kingdom of Mapela. Magope village near Mapela Anglo Platinum mine was a hive of activity as thousands of community members from Mapela and surrounding villages came in numbers to witness the inauguration and enthronement of Kgoši Malesela Hans Masibe Langa II in Magope village.

While giving a brief background of the royal family and the chieftaincy Mme Angelina Digashu Langa explained that Kgoši Hans Malesela Langa II the son of the late Kgoši Hans Malesela Masibe Langa I, who died on 29 November 1905 is the rightful heir to the Langa dynasty.

“We are here to celebrate the rightful chief. We originate from the Thutlane village in Bakenberg. Initially the Langa brothers fought for the chieftaincy but Mantutule who was an elder in the royal family supported Hans to be the chief. Hans had to leave the village because the brothers who didn’t like him. He fled with his wife Maloga and grandmother Mantutule to Hammanskraal.

Representative of the congress of the traditional leaders (CONTRALESA) Kgoši Malesela Dikgale made a call to all traditional leaders to be closer to their respective communities in order for them to benefit from community development.

“We want to develop agriculture for food security in Mapela village. We encourage the local mines and the Chief to create opportunities for small, medium enterprise to thrive. The biggest beneficiaries of this development should be the community of Mapela,” emphasised Kgoši Dikgale.

The Minister of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs Obed Bapela said, “We are unhappy about the issues at our commission. Our mines should recognize our Chiefs as well as the local farmers. Job creation for young people is vital, we plead to the local mine to discuss this issues with the Chief. Mines should support enterprise development by giving procurement, which will later create opportunities to the local people.” added Bapela.

As the newly inaugurated Kgoši Hans Malesela Langa II donned the leopard skin to signal his chieftainship was ascending the podium, women ululated and men whistled, some punching the air with their fists.

Kgoši Hans Malesela Langa II thanked the support from the government departments and his villagers. He promised the community that they are in good hands and soon there will be invited to come and rebuild the community.

“I would like to thank everyone who took this journey with me. I am looking for support from the people of Mapela to make this journey easier and a success. I am glad that today Mapela is in the right hands and everyone should have confidence in me. I promise you a free and transparent Mapela,” declared Kgoši Hans Malesela Langa II.

Kgoši Hans Malesela Langa II received a certificate that qualifies him to be the only senior traditional leader of Mapela from the Deputy Minister of CoGTA, Mr. Obed Bapela and Limpopo CoGHSTA MEC Ntate Jerry Ndou.

The Acting Executive Mayor of Waterberg District Municipality Cllr Tlhalefi Mashamaite, Mayor of Mogalakwena Municipality Cllr Andrina Matsemela and various houses of traditional leaders, Sello Maake ka Ncube, Patrick Shai, Jonas Gwangwa were amongst those who graced the occasion.

#### **PHOTO CAPTIONS**

**Pic no 9: Kgoši Hans Masebe Langa II flanked by Deputy Minister Obed Bapela, MEC Jerry Ndou, Mr Thobi Langa after the inauguration**

**Pic no 10: Mogalakwena Mayor Cllr Matsemela flanked by Acting Executive Mayor Cllr Mashamaite and Kgoši Malesela Dikgale during the Inauguration of Kgoši Hans Masebe Langa II**

**Pic no 11: Receiving the certificate from MEC Ndou and Dep Minister Bapela is Kgoši Hans Masebe Langa II**

**Pic no 12: Kgoši Hans Masebe Langa II replying to the community after being inaugurated in Mapela**