

## **Welcoming Order during the funeral service of the late George Maanda Negota .**

1. Program Director
2. Our King- Khosikhulu Thovhele Vho Toni Mphephu Ramabulana
3. Khosi Vho Kutama
4. Khosi Vho Sinthumule
5. The President of the Republic of South Africa- President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma
6. The Honourable Premier- Stanley Mathabatha
7. Members of the Provincial Legislature
8. The Executive Mayor of Vhembe District, Cllr Florence Radzilani
9. Members of the House of Traditional Leaders na Mahosi vhare hone.
10. The Speaker and Chief Whip of Makhado Municipality and the District Municipality
11. Members of the Executive Councils
12. All Ward and PR Councillors present
13. The Negota Family, The Children of the Late, sisters and brothers, his colleagues and friends
14. Proffessor John Maluleke and family
15. Members and leadership of the ANC, SACP, COSATU and SANCO
16. Members and leadership of the ANC Women's League, ANC Youth League, MK Veterans present
17. All pastors present
18. All Business leaders present
19. Members from Civil Society Organisations
20. The Task Team from all levels of government, community members and the family that was responsible for organizing all logistics of the funeral service.

All protocol to be observed!!

On behalf of the residents of the Makhado Municipality, I rise to welcome each one of you attending the funeral service to honor and pay homage to one of the greatest sons of our soil.

As we join together to pay our last respects to this great man, we should be reminded that he was a father, a gallant freedom fighter, an embodiment of resistance and a humble activist.

Comrade George Maanda Negota was a father, a brother, a community leader and a selfless cadre of the democratic movement. Most importantly he was a professional, an academic of note and a critical thinker.

Today, the residents of Makhado- the Limpopo Province and beyond, must bow in honor of this great son who has taught us and many others beyond our borders that you can triumph beyond poverty and lack of opportunities.

The only choice we have is to take action and make choices that embody the revolutionary leadership qualities of Comrade George Maanda Negota. Comrade Negota showed us the power of action and of taking risks on behalf of our ideals.

I welcome each one of you to take pride in the life well lived and the great memories that Comrade George has left us with.

I welcome each one of you to share and tell the many encounters, great times of critical engagement and stories of pain and success that you experienced with Comrade George.

If Comrade George's life was a journey that many of us continue to aspire and wish to live, therefore his death must be a lesson and a reflection that in the distant horizon there is hope for humanity free from poverty and lack of opportunities.

I welcome you to experience the landscape, the great forests and the mighty mountains of Songozwi and Makhado, the rivers and lakes that inspired George Maanda Negota, as a child and a visionary leader.

This land was his playground and it shall be his resting place.

You are all welcome.