



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG  
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY



11th Floor A Block, Metropolitan Centre  
158 Loveday Street, Braamfontein, JHB, ZA



[khathutshelomul@joburg.org.za](mailto:khathutshelomul@joburg.org.za)



Tel +27(0) 11 407 7356



[www.joburg.org.za](http://www.joburg.org.za)

## **MEDIA STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CITY OF JOHANNESBURG ENGAGES AFRICAN BANK AND THE SOWETO MARATHON TRUST TO SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE OF “THE PEOPLE’S RACE”**

The City of Johannesburg, under the leadership of the Executive Mayor, Councillor Dada Morero, recently conducted a comprehensive and constructive engagement with African Bank, the primary sponsor of the Soweto Marathon, and the Soweto Marathon Trust. This meeting extended into the early hours of this morning as all parties involved endeavoured to resolve the current impasse over the Soweto Marathon, affectionately known as The People's Race.

The discussions were characterised by a cordial and collaborative atmosphere. All stakeholders reiterated their mutual commitment to safeguarding the future, stability, and enduring legacy of this iconic marathon, which carries profound cultural and historical significance for Soweto, Johannesburg, and the nation. The City acknowledges the commitment demonstrated by both African Bank and the Soweto Marathon Trust in ensuring that this cherished event continues to inspire runners, communities, and supporters for generations to come.

Wishing all the runners a smooth and successful marathon! May you find your rhythm and enjoy every step of the journey. Good luck out there!

ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

### **FOR MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

Khathutshelo Mulaudzi  
Acting Director, Mayoral Communications  
070 362 3295