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**TO : NEWS EDITORS  
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**SUBJECT: A DELEGATE FROM BELGIUM TO CAPACITATE NQUTHU YOUTH  
OFFICE WELCOMED BY TOP MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT**

A warm welcome has been extended by the Executive Manager of Planning Department Mr. MB Jiyane of Nquthu Municipality to the emissary from Bornem Municipality in Belgium. In 2008, Nquthu Municipality and Bornem Municipality signed a city to city cooperation agreement which embraces 3 policy fields (youth policy, library, waste and environmental policy). Mr. Gawein Van Daele from Bornem Youth Desk is here to capacitate Nquthu youth office with number of activities from learn and play program to youth developmental programs.

More than R2.5 Million has been injected by Bornem Municipality to impulse the said policy fields, 3 schools from Nquthu has benefited from the same program. Volunteers from all 17 wards would be capacitated to keep the program running. Gawein would be stationed in Nquthu for the next 3 months. Nquthu Library service has benefited with the following: 16 computers (for public use), staff capacitation (on computer and library related trainings) 16 wheelie wagons with books. These would be distributed to 4 schools in various wards in Nquthu and public would have access and it is another milestone reached by Nquthu Municipality to open these 4 satellite libraries.

The youth policy field has already benefited on the following: staff capacitation (trainings and youth exchange whereby youth from Bornem came and exchange their experience with our own youth, playing material, still to come is an exchange for our youth to Bornem, and the realisation of

the Youth Information Centre).The environmental and waste policy field has benefited on the following: staff trainings (community gardens, eco-schools, drop in centres), 3 community gardens have received tanks, water pipes, work equipment to assist them to do the good work that they are doing, 2 eco-schools have been exchanging information with 2 schools from Belgium, 3 eco- schools received garden equipment to assist them on what they are doing.

This is one of the major achievements grasped by Nquthu Municipality through the programme.

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