



UNITED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Women's Day Speech 2015

“READY TO DELIVER”

SPEECH DELIVERED AT WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION
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My office has been dealt a heavy blow with the death of my PA, Mmabatho Buang Lebelo. She was a magnificent young woman who kept my diary up to date. Without her I am like a ship without a compass.

I wish to put on record my wholehearted gratitude to His Grace Bishop T J Serapelo and his entire executive of the Christian Ministers' Fraternal for having stood up, prayed and approached those concerned and affected by the impasse between the UCDP and Kgosi L M Mangope.

I thank them for having shuttled between us and the Kgosi and succeeded in having him feel that the United Christian Democratic Party has to grow and prosper without him.

We know that even in the midst of all the stand off Kgosi Mangope has always encouraged people and genuine members of the party to vote UCDP. We hope the good Lord will bless going forward.

Accept for celebrating reconciliation with our other brothers and sisters we have come here to celebrate the prowess of women. The people who stood up and went to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to make it known to the government of the day that they had had enough of being treated like strangers in the land of their birth.

We are gathered here today to say to all women, keep up the good spirit and never let things go awry under your guard.

We are here to say to all women on the face of the earth they shout aim for the stars in all they do to leave this world a better one for their descendants.

We are here today to say to the women keeping our households together that they should hold one another's hands and march on to make South Africa and the world a better place.

It is 58 years ago when our grandmothers, mothers and sisters stood up to stamp their authority that they were not and would not going to allow themselves to be used as door mats. The modern woman has an even greater opportunity to say so

We are here to say to women in this country, the UCDP has set the pace in having a woman serving in cabinet way back in 1988; she was the first and only woman to hold such position south of the Equator. Yes the UCDP has set the pace others are following on our foot steps.

We are here to say say women should not abandon their creativity; it is an endowment they have to nurse jealously. Imagine getting to a family and you are told there is no food and before you know what has happened you are treated to a very sumptuous prepared in the nick of time with cut and paste ingredients. Women are creative.

It is women who teach at creches and to lower classes at schools. While men may find it difficult to cope with children in the most junior classes, women are capable to teach at even the highest levels at university and virtually head some of these institutions of higher learning. I have yet to come across a crech headed by a male!

Women are by nature highly committed to promoting national policies that promote socio-economic and political changes.

One has yet to come across a national government where there is rampant corruption. Equally true is that it is unheard of that a woman at the head of a national government has declared war against another nation.

As a Christian party, the UCDP has to be awake to homosexuality. A woman is and should be a woman; the same to a man.

President Uhuru Kenyatta recently made his position and that of his country very clear when he was no intimidated by the American President Barack Obama on this matter. Women should be just that and the UCDP accepts that since creation there have been two sexes and nothing in between.

I want our people to speak truth to power like Kenyatta did. Let us see any leader, male or female, who says men may marry men do so himself. The contrary is the same if there is any woman who holds that view.

We wish to call on all women in the party to ensure that they are ready for the Local Government Elections next year.

After all it is women who get mostly affected if there is no electricity, it is women who bear the brunt if there is no water, it is the women who are hardest hit if the local clinic does not function well and it is women who are mostly concerned if there is crime as invariably they and their children are prime targets for all the issues that go awry.

Bomma, stand up and speak out while taking action to right the wrongs.

I thank you