

# AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

## THIRD SEK MQHAYI NATIONAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE

*IDENTITY, CULTURE, POLITICS DURING THE TIMES OF SEK MQHAYI*

**WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY (POTSDAM CAMPUS) 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Third SEK Mqhayi National Language Conference traces and follows the footsteps of the prominent African literature writers during SEK Mqhayi's period and his contemporaries. The centrality of Mqhayi's writings is in culture, pride in language development and patriotism.

Identity, nationalism, politics and cultural pride were the subject matter of SEK Mqhayi's writings. This is demonstrated in the following books: *Ityala lamawele*, *u Don Jadu*, *UMqhayi wase Ntabozuko* etc. He advocated unity amongst nations of the world, concluding that for black people to be a recognised nation they should unite.

### PARTICIPATION

Those interested in participating in the conference are requested to submit an abstract of between 200 and 300 words before 30 July 2011. Abstracts are to be sent to [bonket@amatoledm.co.za](mailto:bonket@amatoledm.co.za).

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### CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at the Walter Sisulu University (Potsdam Campus) on 29-30 September 2011

### CONFERENCE SUBTHEMES

Abstracts must be based on the following topics. The abstract must address the conference sub topics as detailed below:

- Language, culture, politics as experienced by Mqhayi contemporaries
- Preservation of cultural places and heritage for nation's development
- Indigenous language in a changing global economy
- Identity and nation building

Your abstract must reflect as follows: conference theme, your topic, contact details, name of institution. All conference details must be addressed to the above mentioned names.



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