

**Media Statement**

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**MEC Thandi Moraka congratulates International award winner Bethuel Mangena**

Limpopo MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Hon Thandi Moraka would like to take this opportunity to congratulate African News Agency cartoonist Bethuel Mangena for winning International Cartoon Contest. The competition was entered by cartoonists from various countries who had their work selected for the virtual gallery and final judging.

Mangena is the only African cartoonist among the winners and his entry was among submissions from 120 countries, with over 8000 cartoons that were presented. Mangena said it is every artist's dream to see their work recognized internationally. "I just never thought in my wildest dreams that one day I will find myself competing with thousands of cartoonists from all over the world and make it as one of the winner". Said Mangena.

MEC Moraka said Mangena's award is a symbol that anything is possible with passion and dedication. "This is a great achievement and history in the making, Bethuel Mangena has done well and representing both the province and the country with pride. We are truly humbled with what his achievement and this shows that hardwork pays" MEC Moraka.

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