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## Cape Town Bids ME Welcome

Last night at an opening event that displayed the cultural richness of South Africa, Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Arthur Jacobs, welcomed ME99 delegates on behalf of the city of Cape Town. Jacobs highlighted the importance of transformation touching all dimensions of life, bringing integration and transformation to a city divided economically, culturally and religiously. He noted the need to promote pride, tolerance and respect across all communities, and noted that the presence of ME99 pointed to important "building blocks" for this. He said such a discussion is also significant across generations, for the sake of the future. Jacobs' speech was preceeded by a rousing performance from music and dance group, Amampondo, who performed to the great delight of the delegates.