

Good evening, Mr President, Distinguished guests, Ladies & Gentlemen.

Please allow me introduce myself. I am just a simple Jozi girl, born in Kwa-Dukuza growing up selling Tap Tap Makhitini washing powder outside my uncles shop, & thus an entrepreneur was born.

I belong to a country of strength, a country of compassion, a country where even perfect strangers will contribute to humanity for nothing in return. I belong to a country that has not 1, not 2, but 4 Nobel peace prize winners, I belong to a country of visionaries and Great leaders, yes, **PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN** This is who I am.

I stand before you this evening, **ONLY** thru the Grace of God Almighty, the love & support of my family, my dedicated staff, incredible girlfriends, **my 11 nieces and nephews who keep me real**, **BUT** most of all, I stand humbly before u because of my no. 1 fan, & that is my phenomenal Mother, Mum, I know it doesn't look like I am paying attention when u speak but I promise that I am always listening , the only thing I didn't hear is that " I will get old, if I don't eat".... giggles... so thank you Mum for always pushing me forward,

Thank you to the Business Women's Association for nominating me for this award. You are a powerful group of women & I am proud to be one of you . May you grow from strength to strength.

To the SA Turkish Business Assoc, a very special thank you for leading the way and taking notice of companies with small turnovers who are also contributing to the economy , creating employment and despite no budget are making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. This accolade is viewed as being

reserved only for all those strong, incredible women, who manage multi million rand budgets, so thank you for recognising a "future Bidvest in nappies" and others in the same category.

They say every girl child has her wings clipped before she learns to fly. With this in mind HAPPYWITHAPURPOSE was born to create an awareness through social media regarding girls missing school during their menstrual cycles. No doubt you have heard this before. Our mission is to eradicate the challenge, YES, YOU HEARD RIGHT, ERADICATE. Our solution: the revolutionary menstrual cup, lasts up to 5 years, eco friendly, safe and convenient. Yes it is revolutionary and it works.

This is a challenge that does not need to be managed, like diabetes or Hiv/Aids, did you here me Mr President, this does not need to be managed, this one we can solve. This is a challenge that can be wiped off the surface of the earth. In this day and age, the is not acceptable. And why can't we as South Africans, not champion this initiative, why can't we as a developing nation not be the 1st to achieve this in the world, .. oh yes... mr obama, so can we!

To all the women out there, it's time to stop crying and start acting. To all the fathers of today, these are your daughters, your sisters, your nieces, our future leaders and ambassadors of this great nation , lets keep them in school so that they may stand here 10 years from now, tackling a new challenge and to rise above. Let's not forget who we are and what we lost to get here.

Lastly but not least, I would like to thank my late father for being an amazing role model and even 20 years later, continues to inspire me to be a better human being.

In conclusion, A very famous man said" the best among us, are those who benefit mankind, repeat.

I want to be the best among us , and I want to benefit mankind, my question to all of you is "will u help me", now, that you know who I am, WILL YOU HELP ME, I really cannot do this without u, but Together we can create a better world.

Thank u