

NORTHERN CAPE PICTORIAL: NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Post SONA Seminar with Deputy Minister Oliphant

DATE OF THE EVENT: 14 April 2016

VENUE & AREA: Kokerboom Motel, Springbok

GCIS Northern Cape hosted the Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources, Mr Godfrey Oliphant during a Post SoNA Seminar Communication drive intended to unpack the State of the Nation speech of the President delivered on the 11 of February 2016. The event took place in Springbok, Namakwa District and was characterised by three activities which included a walk about at TVET, the community radio interview and the Post SoNA Seminar.

The programme was coordinated by the Northern Cape Provincial Office of Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with Namakwa District Municipality. The post SoNA Seminar is a government country wide communication drive to interact with the public on the SONA. These seminars form part of an integrated multi-media communication approach for the 2016 State of the Nation Address (SoNA).

The walk about the TVET

The Deputy Minister interacted with the College Principal, the Speaker of the Namakwa District, the Mayor of Namakhoi, the teachers and the students. The college will soon introduce a mining qualification to prepare students in this mining town to take advantage of job opportunities in the mines.

The Community radio interview

The Deputy Minister interacted with the community on the purpose for his visit to Namakwa, unpacked SoNA and with a focus on government's 9 Point Plan.

The Post SoNA Seminar

The Deputy Minister unpacked the role of the Department of Mineral Resources after the State of the Nation Address and informed the audience on aspects that touch their lives. Approximately 100 people from businesses, mining houses, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders attended the seminar. During the seminar participants had an opportunity to engage with the Deputy Minister and raised issues to which the Deputy Minister responded.

PICTURES



Mr Marius Nagel, Provincial Director of Government Communications (GCIS) outlining the purpose of the Post SoNA Seminar. Executive Mayor of Namakwa District, Mr Bentley Vass introducing to the Deputy Minister. Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources, Godfrey Oliphant, during his visit to Springbok in the Northern Cape on 14 April 2016.



The guests during the Post SoNA Seminar, listening attentively to the speaker.



Deputy Minister Oliphant held the audience captive with interesting and relevant information. Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to pose questions and raise concerns with the Deputy Minister.



The Deputy Minister made good use of his visit to the Nama Khoi Municipality during the morning. He paid a visit to the NCR TVET College in Okiep to see the newly built workshops where student can get their tertiary qualifications as artisans. Mr Oliphant arrived just in time to get his blood pressure tested. After the visit to the NCR TVET College, Deputy Minister Oliphant was the guest on the community radio station, Radio NFM.