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Deputy Minister of Transport Ms Lydia Sindisiwe Chikunga Imbizo Focus Week - Durban, KwaZulu-Natal

As part of Imbizo Focus Week, Deputy Minister of Transport Ms Lydia Sindisiwe Chikunga was at the Durban International Convention Centre engaging with the captains of the industries representing the maritime sector.

A high level discussion was held on the Operation Phakisa Policy, marine transport (focusing on ship registry, ports and logistics), marine manufacturing and offshore support, skills development and capacity building.

Prasheen Maharaj the CEO of SA Shipyards encouraged the Private Public Partnership. “We need to work together with government, be patriotic to address the challenges in the maritime industry,” said Maharaj.



LEFT: Transport Deputy Minister Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga with representatives from Transnet, South African Maritime Safety Authority and the Port Regulator.



ABOVE: Deputy Minister of Transport Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga engaging with the transport sector captains during an Imbizo at the Durban ICC on 7 April 2015.

Issues raised:

No	Key issue	Solution	Future undertaking from principals
1.	Challenges of funding the maritime sector	Private Public Partnership was encouraged to address challenges	Deputy Minister ensured the stakeholders that National Treasury has been made aware that more funds are needed.
2.	Skills development and capacity building.	DoT is engaging with the DHET on the skills development of students and the curriculum is aligned to the industry.	All the skills and development on the industry to be controlled within the DHET but implemented at the various institutions.
3.	Operation Phakisa Policy implementation	Operation Phakisa is a binding programme whereby monitoring of the implementation is done weekly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Private sector participation▪ Breaking of silos between spheres of government, government departments and private sector.
4.	Infrastructure development and maintenance of ports	Long term but the DoT has engaged Transnet to maintain the ports.	



2. Department of Transport - Deputy Minister at Musina

The Deputy Minister of Transport Sindisiwe Chikunga on 10 April 2015 visited the Beit Bridge border post to inspect freight and passenger vehicles and interacted with cross border officials to check compliance with transport legislation. She later in the day interacted with transport operators and members of the community to discuss their transport challenges. The Deputy Minister was joined by the Limpopo MEC for Transport, Safety, Security and Liaison Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana and local government. Some of the issues raised from this engagement included poor service delivery of mobile permits and taxi violence.





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3. Department of Transport - Rustenburg

As part of Imbizo Focus Week, the Deputy Minister of Transport Sindisiwe Chikunga, public transport entities and the leadership of Rustenburg Local Municipality interacted with the villages of Robega, Rasimone, Chaneng and Mafenya at the Rail Safety and Infrastructure Development National Imbizo on 9 April 2015. The Deputy Minister reiterated that the Department of Transport goes an extra mile to ensure passenger safety in all modes of transport.



Deputy Minister of Transport interacts with community of the Robega, Rasimone, Chaneng and Mafenya in NW during the rail safety and infrastructure development imbizo.





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