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Mobilisation at Bakone Traditional Authority

By Maria Ramoshaba: GCIS, Limpopo

As part of Pre-SoNA mobilisation, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in Limpopo, specifically in the Waterberg District, had an information-sharing session targeting traditional leadership at Bakone Traditional Authority, Makobe Village on 6 February 2024. The purpose of the session was to capacitate the local chief, the royal council and his village heads on the importance of the SoNA, which was to be delivered by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 8 February 2024 at 19:00.

The GCIS highlighted the importance of listening to the speech to be informed of the achievements of government and to be aware of the Programme of Action for 2024.



Lily Mohlosana presenting on SoNA during the information-sharing session.



Members of the council listening attentively to the presentation by the GCIS.



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Information activation drive at Cape Town train station

By Peter Titus and Kirsten Antonio: GCIS, Western Cape

President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) on 8 February 2024 at 19:00. In the run-up to the SoNA, the Government Communication and Information System hosted a communication awareness campaign to alert and educate citizens about the importance of the speech.

Following the address, several communication platforms are activated to enable government to expand on key programmes/priorities outlined by the President such that this then becomes an opportunity to communicate the Programme of Action for government and to empower citizens with useful information that can better their lives.

Cape Town train station is the hub of the Metrorail Western Cape commuter rail network, which is operated by the Metrorail division of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA). A day before SoNA, the GCIS in the Western

Cape, in partnership with PRASA conducted an outreach programme aimed at highlighting new development from the organisation and providing overall feedback to communities on progress made since the last SoNA, highlighting the continuous work of government. The outreach, which encompassed elements of information distribution blitz and exhibitions served as a platform to market the SoNA and as means of unlocking service delivery.

Key departments that formed part of the outreach included Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, PRASA, Department of Correctional Services, South African Police Service and the City of Cape Town.



Michael Currin, Deputy Director-General of the GCIS, engaging with Raymond Maseko, the Regional Manager of PRASA in the Western Cape.



Kirsten Antonio from the GCIS engaging and providing information material to the commuters at Cape Town train station.



Government departments exhibiting at the Cape Town train station, providing commuters with valuable information on their services.



Geraldine Thopps, GCIS Western Cape Provincial Director, interacting with members of the community.

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Pre-State of the Nation Address (SoNA) activities

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) hosted pre-SoNA community activities in the lead to the opening of Parliament to mobilise the communities to watch President Cyril Ramaphosa outlining plans of the country for the upcoming financial year. The speech also reflects on government achievements since the last SoNA. The GCIS in the Free State had a community activation in Virginia Taxi Rank in Lejweleputswa District Municipality on 7 February 2024 as most communities were not aware of the SoNA or what it seeks to achieve.

Boitumelo Vinger, said: “If the President could just prioritise the Department of Health by providing them with more staff as the community struggles to access health services at the clinics and hospital due to shortage of staff.”

The dialogue ended up with a request that since the school has a debating team, the GCIS must host another session to discuss the upcoming SoNA under the new administration.

Furthermore, on the day of SoNA, the GCIS in the Free State hosted a dialogue with learners from Lephola Secondary School to discuss their understanding and expectations of SoNA. One of the Grade 10 learners from the school,



Boitumelo Vinger said:

“It would be perfect if the President can provide us with more health workers so that we may not struggle with services when visiting clinics and hospitals in our region.”



Executive Mayor Ngwenya delivering a keynote address during the awards.



Ntombi Mhlambi engaging with learners during the Pre-SONA dialogue at Lephola Secondary School.



Yolandi Lottering said:

“I wish that the President would address the matter of unemployment, especially regarding graduates who are unemployed in communities.”



Cornelius Adams said:

“I would be happy if the President could touch on the issue of seasonal workers and how communities do not economically benefit from economic activities in their areas.”

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Residents look forward to President’s address

By Lecrecia Prins, GCIS: Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) engaged with the community members of Upington during an awareness campaign about the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) in Paballelo on 8 February 2024. The residents outlined their expectations from the SoNA and highlighted all the challenges they are faced with in their respective communities.

Service delivery was again on the list of issues residents raised as concerns and indicated how they hoped the President would prioritise it.

Residents further said they would listen to the President so they could hear what the future of the country has in store for them. The awareness campaign was attended by residents from across the ZF Mgcawu District.



Community members engaging with GCIS officials.