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## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Eskom launches Hub-on-Wheels initiative

By Mlungisi Dlamini; GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

As part of Eskom's commitment to enhance customer experience, the utility launched the first-of-its-kind Hub-on-Wheels initiative on 7 July 2025, in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal. This customer service platform aims to bridge the service delivery gap by offering support for meter and account queries, facilitating new connections, educating communities on self-service channels and promoting safety and energy efficiency.

"Approximately eight additional mobile trucks are expected to be deployed as part of this programme to ensure nationwide service coverage," said Ms Dade Mbhele, Senior Manager of Retail at Eskom.

The Mayor of uMgungundlovu District Municipality, Cllr Mzi Zuma, endorsed the initiative and assured Eskom that local municipalities would provide all the necessary support to ensure the success of the programme.



Ms Mbhele explaining the services offered by the newly launched Hub-on-Wheels platform.



Clients visiting the Eskom information stand.



Community members waiting to access services.



Newly-launched Eskom project will bring services closer to the people.



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## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### G20 public education session unlocks opportunities

*By Madire Mokitla and Eunice Nkuna; GCIS, Limpopo*

The Mopani Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students at the Sir Val Duncan Campus, welcomed guests from various institutions who came to share valuable knowledge and insight on the Group of Twenty (G20) programme. The session took place on 17 July 2025, at Namakgale. The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) Limpopo Provincial Office spearheaded logistics to make the event a success.

Sharing insights on the programme, Mr Mndeni Ndwandwe from the GCIS, stated that 18 countries formed part of the G20, including the European Union and the African Union. The aim of the collective is to respond to global finance practices and share trade ideas. South Africa's role of the G20 Presidency also aims to foster awareness of international cooperation and leadership, among others. Other formations within the G20 include the Youth 20, Women 20, Business 20, and Civil 20, which focus on the economic emancipation of women.

In his welcome address, the Deputy Principal of the college, Mr Stanley Motubatse, appreciated GCIS for identifying their campus as a host. Mr Motubatse highlighted that the college offered various skills development programmes which aligned with the G20 vision, and respond to industry needs such as mining, entrepreneurship and fostering inter-country relations. The Mopani TVET had also engaged in various exchange programmes with countries such as China, with some of their student's relationships with businesses already established. Additionally, he said that the students contributed to the country's economic growth and development through practical experience, industry exposure and skills that meet industry needs.

"Today is a momentous day for our campus as we welcome the G20 Youth Communication event. We are honoured to be part of this landmark of showcasing South Africa's G20 Presidency, which will run until November 2025. The country is poised to reap the benefits of increased investment, tourism and job creation. This achievement is a testament to our campus excellence and dedication. We're thrilled to be part of this historic event," said Mr Mabuza.

Speaking on behalf of the Mopani Executive Mayor, Cllr Lucky Mohlala stated the benefit of Mopani District positioning itself in the G20 as a food basket of South Africa; with ZZ2 producing, distributing and exporting tomatoes to the world. Much-needed skills include agro-processing for various agricultural products such as citrus, avocados and tomatoes. He highlighted that trucks were commuting daily, transporting manganese to China instead of

producing end products within the district. Cllr Mohlala indicated that the Mopani District, wished to see the TVET providing responsive education to the economic needs of Mopani and the country, using agro-processing. The district has a farm that can be developed into a solar farm to augment electricity supply. He further praised the college for producing mechanical engineers, with one of them recently fixing his car with the utmost recommendable expertise. He concluded by saying, "Mopani is ready for the G20."



Mr Ndwandwe from the GCIS outlines the G20 programme.



Students and community members with some of the dignitaries that attended the G20 engagement.



**Ms Khomotso Thepa:**

"On behalf of the students, we would like to send our gratitude to the government for including TVETs in the G20 programmes. We learnt about different formations like the Y20, which focuses solely on youth economic development global initiatives. This was an eye-opener to most of us and I believe it will help in sharpening our minds looking at matters of global and geo-economic activities."



**Mr Stanly Motubatse; Deputy Principal of Mopani TVET Campus:**

"We are excited to be the host of an event of this magnitude."



**Cllr Lucky Mohlala; Acting Executive Mayor:**

"Mopani District is the tourism district choice. We boast ourselves as the tropical paradise with a number of G20 opportunities and advantages."



## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### IEC and GCIS host pre-election outreach

*By Peter Titus; GCIS, Western Cape*

In a joint effort to strengthen democracy and encourage voter participation, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), in partnership with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), embarked on a dynamic community mobilisation drive in Tulbagh ahead of the 2026 Local Government Elections. The outreach was held on 30 July 2025 at the Witzenville Community Hall.

The campaign aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voting, educate the public on the electoral process, and encourage first-time and young voters to make their voices heard at the ballot box.

The mobilisation session brought together community members, local leaders, youth organisations and civil society stakeholders. Information stalls, live question-and-answer sessions, and interactive discussions ensured that attendees received accurate and up-to-date information about voter registration, election dates, voting procedures and the role of the IEC.

GCIS Regional Communications Coordinator, Mr Peter Titus, opened the event by highlighting the power of civic participation. "Democracy thrives when communities are informed and involved. Every vote counts and every voice matters."

IEC officials provided step-by-step guidance on how to check registration details, which documents to bring on voting day and how to report electoral misconduct. They also addressed common misconceptions about the voting process.

Special attention was given to mobilising young and first-time voters. "Young people are not just the future; they are the present," said IEC Field Officer, Ms Stephanie Steinberg. "We want them to understand that their vote is their power."

Community members applauded the initiative, noting that it brought clarity and enthusiasm about participating in the democratic process. Many young people said that they now felt more confident about taking part in the upcoming elections.

This mobilisation forms part of a broader District Voter Education Campaign leading up to the elections, with Tulbagh being one of several towns targeted to ensure no voter is left behind.

With a clear message of empowerment and participation, the Tulbagh community is now more than ever before, ready to take part in shaping the future through the power of voting.



Hundreds of people ready for the GCIS and IEC outreach.



IEC registering first-time youth voters.



Local Non-Governmental Organisations such as Badisa, formed part of the outreach and also provided services at the event.



Community members could also access services by the South African Social Services Agency.

## PRIORITY 1: DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

### Clear Rivers Campaign at Philippolis

*Yanga Ngcukana; GCIS, Free State*

On 28 July 2025, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Vaal Central Water (VCW) launched a Clear Rivers campaign. The campaign aimed to restore the lifelines of rivers and streams. The Clean Rivers Campaign is an environmental initiative and a call to action for every individual, community and government. The programme began at Philippolis Secondary School, where learners in Grades 9 to 11 were taught how to keep the environment clean and how to protect rivers and streams to preserve the ecosystem.

Ms Lindiwe Mnguni, VCW Communications Manager, emphasised the importance of taking care of rivers as they are a source of life. "We use water for drinking, to support agriculture and to give life to

animals. South Africa is a water-scarce country; therefore, we ought to protect this scarce resource to sustain our lives," said Ms Mnguni. The DWS Communications Manager, Mr Larry Crisp, emphasised the importance of environmental cleanliness, including the maintenance of ablution facilities at schools. The learners were also encouraged to treat the ablution facilities as they would at their homes.

The team, comprising Kopanong Local Municipality, Government Communications, and learners, proceeded to the nearby river stream to clean and remove plastic debris, bottles and other foreign objects. The school also received a 5 000-litre water harvesting tank, sanitary pads, rulers and squeeze bottles from VCW.



Learners filled the Philippolis Secondary School Hall to listen to stakeholders.



Learners received sanitary pads, rulers and squeeze-bottles courtesy of VCW and DWS.



The school also received a 5 000-litre water harvesting tank.



Stakeholders and learners cleaning the nearby river stream to remove plastic, debris, bottles and other foreign objects.