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

G20 awareness and District Development Model outreach in Roodepan

By Tesah Gavhi; GCIS, Northern Cape

On 16 October 2025, Deputy Minister in The Presidency Ms Nonceba Mhlauli, led an outreach event in Roodepan, Frances Baard District, to raise awareness on South Africa's Group of Twenty (G20) membership, presidency, Leaders' Summit and the District Development Model (DDM).

The event featured a road intersection activation by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) and a community leadership dialogue, in collaboration with key local partners including the South African Police Service, Community Policing Forum, Community Development Workers, local councillors and ward committees. The outreach also raised awareness on the G20's role in shaping global economic policies, foster community engagement and partnerships in local development, and

discussed the DDM's impact on service delivery and development in the region.

During the dialogue, emphasis was placed on the importance of community partnerships in addressing social and service delivery challenges. Deputy Minister Mhlauli shared insights from G20 meetings and encouraged local stakeholders to support the goals of the group and advocate for policy changes that benefit South Africa and the African continent. The event highlighted the power of collaboration between government, community leaders and citizens in creating lasting positive change. The Deputy Minister wrapped up the day with a radio interview at Revival FM to discuss the DDM and reflect on the community leaders' dialogue.



Roodepan community members attended the event in large numbers and shared their challenges with the Deputy Minister.



Officials from the GCIS and other departments distributing information leaflets.



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GCIS IRC hosts G20 Youth Dialogue in Refilwe, Cullinan

By Sebjalo Rachuene; GCIS, Head Office

On 22 October 2025, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) Information Resource Centre (IRC), together with GCIS Tshwane, hosted a Group of Twenty (G20) Youth Dialogue in Cullinan's Tshepong Community Hall.

The dialogue was held in partnership with the South African National Council for Addicts, City of Tshwane Health Department, South African Police Service, South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Gender-based Violence and Femicide Brigade, Refilwe Youth Desk and the local councillor of Refilwe, Mr Sello Mothupi Makena.

The dialogue aimed to discuss issues of safety and economic opportunities that affect the youth and community of Refilwe in general.

GCIS shared information on its mandate and purpose of the G20. Various stakeholders in attendance also shared information on their organisations'

mandates and engaged with community members. During the event, participants were provided with information and promotional materials including carry bags, rulers, ballpoints and notebooks. Stakeholders such as the SAHRC stationed a mobile legal clinic outside the venue to engage community members on legal matters, while the City of Tshwane Health offered health services such as counselling and testing.

ClIr Makena spoke about the need for a college in the community and raised issues of youth unemployment. He highlighted on the initiative that the community had put in place to help eradicate unemployment within the community. He also raised concerns about drug abuse among the youth and how the community was trying to deal with the issue.

The dialogue reached more than 120 people including youth, the elderly and people living with disabilities who were inside the hall, and many more others who only accessed the services which were offered outside the hall.



Stakeholders preparing health services stalls.



Mr Nsizwa Nkosi from the GCIS, provided a brief explanation on the goal and purpose of the event.



Community members listening to presenters during the dialogue.



The SAHRC team assisting a community member at their mobile legal clinic.



Stakeholders and community members engaging with each other during the dialogue.



A community member engaging with the stakeholders and community members during the opening of the dialogue.



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Launch of Limpopo Transport Month highlights road safety and economic growth

By Eunice Nkuna; GCIS, Limpopo

Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Ms Violet Mathye, delivered a keynote address at the launch of 2025 Transport Month. The launch, held at Namakgale Town Hall on 9 October 2025, highlighted the importance of a well-functioning transport system in driving economic growth and ensuring road safety.

The launch marks the beginning of a four-month campaign aimed at promoting road safety, efficient transportation and economic growth. Ms Mathye urged citizens to adhere to road safety rules and report hazardous conditions to help prevent accidents and save lives. The department remains committed to finding transportation solutions that facilitate business opportunities and make travelling safer and more efficient.

The MEC specifically addressed road users, urging them to adopt responsible driving habits. She pleaded with motorists to adhere to road safety regulations, saying, "Make sure that you adhere to

the rules of the road and be responsible." The launch drew many relevant stakeholders, including the Provincial Taxi Council, South African National Small Bus Operators Council and the South African Council of Churches.

MEC Mathye emphasised the need for a comprehensive transport system that will cater for the mobility needs of all citizens across the board. She announced plans to resuscitate rail infrastructure, including a proposed high-speed rail link between Polokwane and Pretoria, to ease congestion on the N1 highway and provide a safer and more efficient mode of transportation. She also highlighted that the implementation of the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act of 1998's demerit system, is expected to help reduce road accidents. "As the state, we'll continue to seek transportation solutions that facilitate business opportunities and make travel safer and more efficient. Let's work together to make our roads safer and our transport system more effective," she said.



MEC Mathye with the Acting Mayor of Ba-Phalaborwa, Cllr Thompson Nkuna, and members of the media during a Road Safety Awareness Campaign.



MEC Mathye during the Road Safety Awareness Campaign at R71 in Phalaborwa.



Community members attending the awareness campaign.



The Acting Mayor of Mopani District, Cllr Basani Shivambu, with the Acting Mayor of Ba-Phalaborwa, Cllr Nkuna, walking to the Namakgale Community Hall.

PRIORITY 1: DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

Career expo inspires future leaders in Saldanha

By Esmarelda Mckay; GCIS, Western Cape

The annual career expo hosted by ArcelorMittal Science Centre in partnership with various stakeholders, took place at the Saldanha Multipurpose Centre (MPC) from 14 to 16 October 2025. The three-day event proved to be a great success, attracting 390 learners from schools across the West Coast including Velddrif High School from the Bergrivier Municipal area, Diazville High School, Vredenburg High School and Louwville High School, among others.

Fifteen teachers accompanied the learners, guiding them through more than 45 exhibitors who showcased diverse career and study opportunities. Exhibitors included the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), the universities of the Western Cape and Stellenbosch, Tronox, Sunrise Energy, the South African Navy and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), among others.

The final day of the expo was open to the public, with more than 30 community members attending to explore opportunities and engage with institutions.

The event received highly positive feedback from learners, teachers, exhibitors and the public. The expo continues to serve as an important platform to motivate and inspire young people and community members to pursue education and training opportunities, encouraging them to start building their futures today.



Ms Esmarelda Mckay from the GCIS; Ms Carly Vries, eCentre Manager, Lowville; and Cllr Olwine Daniels, Speaker of Saldanha Bay Municipality who came to open the Career Expo.



The Department of Health was also part of the expo. Ms Coetzee is explaining to the learners which subjects they must have if they want to pursue a career in Nursing.



An ELRU representative explains to the learners what it stands for and what they need if they want to be Early Childhood Development practitioners.



SANDF officials explaining possible career choices in the Army.



Learners from Hopefield Primary School were very excited to attend the expo.



The team from Tronox explaining subject choices for their line of work.