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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Exhibition promotes economic opportunities

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

As part of the Economic Recovery and Reconstruction Plan (ERRP), the Government Communication and Information System and various stakeholders embarked on an exhibition in Wattville, on 15 September 2022, to showcase available entrepreneurship development opportunities, as well as to promote financial and non-financial support to youth and Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

The exhibition offered the youth and SMMEs a chance to interact with available development finance agencies, support and access to a range of opportunities to grow and develop.

The government's ERRP sets out a bold vision and immediate actions to enable an economic rebound and to build the economy of the future.



Various stakeholders exhibiting and sharing information with community members in Wattville.



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Sandile Mkhwanazi said:

“Activations such as these are crucial to expose us to available opportunities offered in government and civil societies. Knowledge is power. We can use information we have received to start our own business ventures or seek job opportunities.”



Thembi Dlamini and Lerato Moloi said:

“We want to start our own venture and having received information on financial and non-financial support for entrepreneurs from Gauteng Economic Development, it is important to expand our research and knowledge on their programmes and agencies.”



Abraham Nhlapo said:

“I am a job seeker and having registered on the Department of Employment and Labour database will assist me in increasing my chances of getting a job.”



Smangele Ndlovu said:

“I am encouraged and have learnt a lot on how to use my smartphone to register on Tshepo 1Million, to access information on available jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities.”

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Exhibition exposes youth to maritime careers

By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo

The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) in collaboration with the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety and the Department of Education hosted a Career Exhibition at Matshumane Secondary School in Glen Cowie, for the learners of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, on 25 August 2022.

The main purpose of the event was to expose the participating learners to different careers in the maritime industry.

The exhibition catered for learners from 10 secondary schools, with six being from Lobethal Circuit, three from Ngwaritsi Circuit and one from Glen Cowie Circuit.

SAMSA is responsible for the safety of life and property at sea, preventing and combating pollution from ships in the marine environment, and promoting South Africa's maritime interests.

In her address to the learners, SAMSA Acting CEO Zamachonco Chonco indicated that their organisation is an implementing agency for the Department of Transport, therefore they take instructions from the department.

Careers in the maritime industry include marine and ship engineers, crewmember, deck officers, maritime law, tug masters, marine pilots, harbour masters, ship surveyors and maritime environmentalist.

Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety Polly Boshieho, emphasised the importance of education and how learners should get focused to their studies regardless of their family backgrounds.

"Where you come from must never determine where you are going. We brought opportunities to you today so that you can be informed and educated to improve your lives and live well," said the MEC.

The schools that participated in this exhibition are Bopedi Bapedi Secondary School, Kgoshimoroangwato Secondary School, Ngwanatshwane Secondary School, Mantlatle Secondary School, Modipadi Secondary School, Molebeledi Secondary School, Nkgonyeletse Secondary School, Phuthikwena Secondary School, Rantobeng Secondary School and Matshumane Secondary School.



Learners who attended the career exhibition.



Learners visiting the exhibition stalls to access maritime industry information.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Crime prevention Imbizo in Barberton

By Joy Themba and Andile Mpila: GCIS, Mpumalanga

In response to the concerns raised by the Barberton community during the District Development Model Presidential Imbizo in May 2022, Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison Vusi Shongwe led an Imbizo at Barberton Sports Ground, on 10 September 2022, to address increasing crime statistics.

Stakeholders such as the Government Communication and Information System, South African Police Service (SAPS), the Hawks, Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID), Road Traffic Infringement Agency, Barberton Community Policing Forum, Department of Correctional Services, the City of Mbombela Municipality and Ehlanzeni District supported the event and engaged with the community.

Among the issues addressed were illegal mining, panga killings, gangsterism, gender-based violence, corruption, torching of houses and missing documents within police stations.

The community raised serious concerns regarding the high level of gangsters who have taken over the streets of Emjindini, terrorising communities. Community members indicated that they feeling scared and unsafe within their own homes. They also addressed the issue of how they were afraid of opening cases.

In her response, the Head of IPID, Dikeledi Ntatseng, urged the community to report corrupt police officers. She promised that community members would be protected.

SAPS Mpumalanga Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant-General Semakaleng Manamela said, "Issues of corruption will be dealt with without fear or favour, and government will not tolerate officers who are busy acting against the pledges they made to protect this country against criminal activities."

In his keynote address, MEC Shongwe said, "The terrorisation of communities in Barberton and Emjindini at large will soon be a thing of the past because we are here to bring back the dignity of this town. We will not allow this situation as it will kill the economy and prevent possible investors from investing in this tourist attraction area."

Stakeholders and the community pledged to work together to curb crime in communities.



MEC Vusi Shongwe addressing community members during an Imbizo in Barberton.



Community members who were in attendance.

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Presidential investment oversight visit

By Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

President Cyril Ramaphosa undertook his KwaZulu-Natal provincial investment oversight visit at the Hesto Harnesses new manufacturing plant in KwaDukuza, iLembe District Municipality, on 13 September 2022.

The President was joined by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Ebrahim Patel, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, MEC for Economic Development, Trade and Environmental Affairs, Siboniso Duma, the Mayor of iLembe District Municipality, Councillor Thobani Shandu, and the Mayor of KwaDukuza Local Municipality, Councillor Lindi Nhaca.

The government leaders were warmly welcomed by the staff and management of Hesto Harnesses, Metair Investments and Yazaki Corporation as they toured the plant and engaged with employees.

President Ramaphosa said he was “blown away” by the enthusiasm and warmth of the employees on the floor.

Approximately 70% of the workforce is female and the President praised Hesto Harnesses for embracing gender transformation.

Minister Patel said the new manufacturing plant, which has employed 4 000 people, meant that there were 4 000 reasons to celebrate, 4 000 families that have food on their tables, and 4 000 consumers who will be buying clothes and using public transport, thus generating more activity in the area and contributing to economic development.

Hesto Harnesses, a subsidiary of Metair Investments, in partnership with Yazaki Corporation, manufactures wiring harnesses and instrument clusters for Toyota, Isuzu, Nissan and Ford. Metair Investments exports products to approximately 46 countries.

The Hesto Harnesses new manufacturing plant in KwaDukuza forms part of the R1.4 billion commitment by Metair Investments to support the expansion and localisation of the new Ford Ranger and marks the realisation of the pledges made at the South Africa Investment Conference.

In his State of the Nation Address in 2019, President Ramaphosa outlined a re-imagined industrial space with the following pillars: localisation of production, industry masterplans, and expansion of trade with the rest of Africa, more investment and green industrialisation.

This new plant at Hesto Harness is a step toward the realisation of this reimagined industrial space.



Metair CEO leads President Cyril Ramaphosa, Minister Ebrahim Patel, Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube and MEC Siboniso Duma on a tour at the plant.



President Cyril Ramaphosa and Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube unveiled the plaque to officially open the Hesto Harnesses factory.